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PRAYER

O God, who hast called us to be members together of Thy Church, pour out, we pray Thee, Thy Spirit up Thee. Accept our labours and our love and use th Thy kingdom and the glory of Thy name.—Amen.

Editor's Remarks

AN IRREPARABLE NATIONAL

We are sorry that our country at large an particular has lost a great leader in the death of Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Many a tribu him. It is un-necessary to repeat the same here, say that he loved the people and he was loved by state, because of his unique ability to keep the se of the state above his party politics. He was tr thoughts and actions; a true servant of the state rare politician who was realistic in his approach t f the state and the country even to the extent of ab 's principle; the demand for a separate sovereign D his death the country has suffered a great loss. N n in the country had such a well attended funeral. his family the comfort they need.

The Standing Committee of the N.M.S. me nder the presidentship of the Rt. Rev. R. B. Manicka rtant matter dealt with was the budget for the ye was discussed in detail and was approved. The total income anticipated for the year is Rupees 78,500/- including Nebagram project. Expenditure including Nebagram would be Rupees 78,882.62. There will be a small deficit of Rupees (382.62), which will be adjusted by cutting down the expenses here and there. So, it can be taken as a balanced budget. At the end of the year it is hoped that there will not be any deficit if the members and branches in each area could raise the anticipated income which will be published in the next issue of the N.M.I. This assurance we have from the experience during the last three years in working with the N.M.S. that our Lord co-operates and leads us sucessfully if we do our utmost.

Annual Get Together of the Madras City Area Committee. We are very happy to report that the annual get—together function went off alright under the chairmanship of Mr. James J. Coilpillai, B.E.,M.I.E. though for the first time we had the function in the Royapettah Area. The gathering was more than what was expected. Thanks are due to the members who have contributed towards the function. This is the only function of the Madras City Area Committee which brings most of the supporting members of the N.M.S. into fellowship. The annual membership campaign was inagurated on that day, by the G. Solomon with a slogan "each one reach one". In this connection it is right to point out that the Madras Area Committee by their earnset effort increased their collection from Rs. 11000 to Rs. 22000/- with in the last three years. We congratulate the Area Committee and its members for their earnestness and co-operation in fulfilling the trust put in them by the founders of the society and by our Lord.

The Jabalpur New N.M.S. Branch. We are very grateful to Bishop Joshi who kindly invited us to have the exective in November 1968 and helped us. Now we are glad to inform that under his guidance the N.M.S. branch was formed with the following officials,

Miss. Zilla Soule, — President.
Rev. F.C. Jonathan — Vice President
Major. P.L. Bose — Secretary.
Rev. C.P. David — Treasurer.
Rev. K.D. Bhasker Committee Member.
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Mr. T. Thomas.

We wish them all success and pray that Jabalpur may become an asset to the General N.M.S.

The financial year 1968—69 ends with 31st March 1969. The General Secretary has written to the Committees and Branches of the areas which have not raised their full quota. All our friends are kindly requested to do their utmost, to enable the society to end the year without any deficit. K.G.S.D.

Proposed Itineracy of the General Secretary

March 15th & April 15th — Delhi & Punjab.
May — Madras.
June — Kerala.

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A Hundred Indian Witnesses to Jesus Christ

(By the Rev. P, J. Thomas, Krupa Nivas,Perumbavoor, Kerala)

53. Bipin Chandra Sircar

A leap from the Tamil Nadu to East Bengal is a rather big one; but it has to be taken in order to come to a fascinating personality to be included in this long array of one hundred witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Bipin Chandra Sircar is comparatively modern in this line and he passed away only in 1928 after covering a short span of fifty six years. But he had spanned an immensely wide area in witnessing for Christ both in the extent of his tours and in the sweep of his thought. We have to depend exclusively on a short biographical study by the Rev. H.A. Popley and published by the Rev. H. A. Popley and issued by the C.L.S. Madras in 1930. But it supplies a large fund of ideas and information for which we have to be thankful.

Born in 1872 in the small marshy village called Habibpur (it had had just 200 families inhabiting it at that time), educated in the local Middle School and in the High School at Barisal, the District Head Quarters, and graduated in the Scottish Church College then called Duff College, after his intermediate course in the Cooch Bihar College. Bipin was not only a son of a higher Hindu society but also a nationalist in those days of throbbing national aspirations in Bengal. The community to which he belonged was known as Kayasthas. His grand father was a popular leader and his father held a responsible post in the Barisol Court. Bipin was the third of five children and the youngest of the three sons.

Our hero had the distinction of getting his first contact with the christian faith from a Y.M.C.A. Secretary in Calcutta. It was Mr. Campbell White, the General Secretary of the College Street Y M.C.A, who according to the biographer "was a man of magnetic personality and deep spirituality that Bipin began to study the New Testament and to be attracted by the personality of Christ". There was a period of struggle on the claims of Christ on his life. What he did was to get away from the din of the city into a solitary spot for meditation, thought and prayer with fasting. He nearly fainted and he was given a vision in which Christ appeared to him and beckoned to him to be His witness.

Sircar's first job was that of a Y.M.C.A Secretary in Rangoon. But it was a Secretaryship which was very different from the ordinary. He rented a building for the work and did not have the money even to pay the rent. The story goes that the Muslim land-lord came to ask for the monthly rent and found that the secretary was in his

prayer-room all the day. The Muslim went away saying he would wait any length of time and would not press for rent.

The next stage in the life of our hero was a period of study in a Bible training College in Toronto, Canada. For this he was sponsored by the Baptist church in Rangoon. His ordination also took place in Toronto in 1904. On return to India he worked as Pastor in the Hindustanee church of Rangoon. After some time he reverted to the Y.M.C.A. and this time the distinguishing feature was that of organising a "Swadeshi Exhibition" in the Y.M.C.A. most unheared-of and unimaginable thing in those good old days!

Bipin had risen to the position of a very attractive speaker with his never-failing humour and a sparkling wit and unending store of illustrations. Several key-posts began to be occupied by him in the church and in public life; secretaryship of the Bengal Evangelistic League, membership of the Bengal Christian Council, delegation on the W.S.C.F. team to Tokyo, participation on the preaching tour in Japan. He was at the same time the organizer of the unorthodox Inter-religio us Conference, the first of its kind, in the Town Hall in Calcutta.

But it is as the originator of the idea of a CHRISTIAN ASRAM that his name will live in the mind of the Christians in India. For some time he had been feeling his way to some new and more effective method of presenting the Gospel to the Hindu mind, and he was often and on dwelling on the feasibility of having a Christian Asram, in some of the most outstanding centres of Hinduism, such as Benares or Puri. He expressed his ideas first in a paper he read before the Calcutta Missionary Conference in 1910. It was not the method of evangelism that he mooted the idea but as a characteristically Indian way of living the Christian life. He had a deep experience of meditation and silence and even of a sort of Christianised Yoga. He even found attraction in the sadhu way of living. His brother Aswini Kumar was already a Hindu sadhu and thus he had a source of sympathy and a family back-ground.

The Y.M.C.A. people and the Church leaders heard of his intentions and they thought of a way out by putting him in charge of the Religious work of the Y.M.C.A ! He had also plenty of work to do as an all-India Christian personality touring in the north and in the south of India. He was happy to come into contact with the Christo Samaj in Madras, and in Bangalore. In 1919, he made another visit to America and on his way back he represented India at the World Citizenship conference in London. For this he was appointed by the Secretary of State for India.

Back in India, he experimented on Asram lines in the Y.M.C.A It was in 1922, that he was invited by Mr. Collins of Purl to start the Asram in Puri. Spending all his life's savings of Rs. 6000/- he

bought some four acres of land and put up the necessary building and thus founded the Isapanthi Asram. It included the Mandir to worship and he loved to pray and meditate there for long hours. He received visitors and he visited the poor and the needy in their homes. The Asram was later on handed over to the Calcutta Y.M.C.A. who in turn gave it to the N.M.S. for evangelistic work on Asram lines.

Sircar was a married man ever since 1898, and his wife became a Christian in 1903. They had no surviving children and so they adopted the two sons of his brother who had died earlier. Those two young men Mohendra and Satindra by name, became Christians and were baptised by Bishop Azariah and Dr Urqhart in the River near Serampore.

The story must close. In 1927 just while setting out on a mission tour he suddenly took ill. The rest of the story is one of moving from Puri to Calcutta for better medical aid, from Calcutta to the hilly village house in Giridih for more rest and quiet, from there to Puri due to the desire to spend the last days in the Asram itself. The end came while in Giridih on the 24th of October 1928. He was buried in the Cemetery at Panchambra. Dr. Rai of the Brahmo Samaj gave the funeral address and Dr. Urquhart conducted the funeral service.

The observances by friends and acquaintances were spontaneous and hearty as well as deeply revealing : One man has called him "A man who uplifted man". Another has called him "A Lover of laughter". Yet another has described him as "A great friend of all Communities". A Hindu is reported to have said, "I always felt that Christ was standing beside me while Bipin prayed". The biographer shows that Bipin Chandra Sircar was above everything else a reconciler. He reconciled the East and the West. He was a great friend and co-worker of Sherwood Eddy, Garfield Williams, Arthur Davies, B. R. Barber, F.W. Steinthall, B.A. Nag and Campbell White. At the same time he was on the most intimate terms with Justice Sharada Charan Mitra, Dr. Karmarkar, Mr. Kingsbury. Mr. K. K. Chakravarti and Mr. Chithamber. The above-mentioned fact further proves how he was useful in reconciling the Indian Christian and the foreign missionary. Thirdly he was beneficial in bringing together the emotional temperament of the Bengali and the mystical spirit of India. He was instrumental most of all in bringing about a better mutual understanding between the Christian and the Hindu. The Christian Asram in his thinking stands for that.

Monthly Report of Bageswar Centre

For December

I thank God Almighty for His guidance during the month.

In the first week of this month I visited a new village Katpuriya-Chhina—13 miles away. I am glad to say that I was welcomed warmly by the village people, when I told them that I am a Christian worker. They have heard about Christianity, but did not know about the life of Christ Jesus. I visited many families there and discussed and explained the life of Jesus our Saviour. I sold tracts and 19 gospel portions there. 3 'Pahari Bhajan Mala' were also sold.

I visited 4 families in the town. Discussions on different topics were very impressive. I sold 9 gospel portions to these families.

Christmas programme was held in the school grounds on the 23rd Dec. Many people attended the programme along with the invited guests. I related the nativity story on the eve of the Christmas, carols were sung to give the Christmas message to the passers by. Most of the people gathered to hear the carols. I went round the town to wish happy Christmas to the Non-Christians. Some of them, who were anxious to know more about Christmas were given the news in detail. And thus the spirit of Christmas prevailed among the people.

I request to be remembered in your prayers.

B. Singh

Christmas Celebration at Pentakota, Puri

Praise the Lord for His miraculous help during the past year 1968. Though we are unworthy for His service, He did many things throughout the past year. His grace and guidance to us are unspeakable. Hope the mighty Lord Jesus will lead us in His light in this year more than last year. We are very much thankful to you and the friends who are interested in our work and who are praying for us earnestly.

We conducted the night service on the 24th and Christmas service on the 25th. On the 24th night Mr. P. N. Sahu, the President of our N.M.S. Branch Puri, Bro. Paul Sanjeevi, Rev. P. Sanapati and myself spoke the word of God and we conducted Christmas service on the 25th. We distributed prizes to our Christian children on the 22th night, and a tea party was arranged for all the members on the 24th night and on the 26th evening.

On the 26th at 4-30 p.m. we distributed prizes to school children. Mr. Abraham Naik presided over the function and Mrs. C. R. Das (Assistant Commercial Tax Officer's wife, Puri) distributed the prizes as Chief Guest. Rev. D. Mohanty, B. A., B. Ed., (Missionary Udayagiri) gave a sermon on Christmas to the children. Many of our branch members and hundreds of non-christian brothers witnessed the function. After the President and the Chief Guest's speech. I thanked Mr. John Appa Rao and Bro. K. Chinna and other members of our N.M.S. at Pentakota and in the local church for the co-operation and financial support to make the function a success. The function closed with the benediction by the Rev. K. Mohanty (Pastor).

N.M.S. Reception to the Rev. Dr. R.D. Joshi

The N.M.S. West Bengal Area Committee took the opportunity of the Rev. Dr. R. D. Joshi's visit to Calcutta in connection with the meeting of the Serampore senate (from the 20th to the 23rd Nov. '68) and accorded to him a hearty reception at the Y.W.C.A. Hall on Saturday, the 23rd Nov. '68. Many heads of local missionary schools and colleges and local pastors besides members of the local N.M.S. Executive Committee, attended this function where Mr. D. Mitra, Secretary of the N.M.S. West Bengal Committee introduced Dr. Joshi and mentioned his help to the cause of N.M.S. by inviting the National Executive Committee Meeting at Jabalpore. He narrated about the many Christian qualities of his character and his service to society. Mr. S.M. Banerjea, President of the N.M.S. Committee welcomed Dr. Joshi and remarked that he was one of our foremost Indian Christian leader and a churchman.

The Rev. Dr. Joshi, in his reply, pointed out the very good impression created in the minds of the local Christians of Jabalpore, by the N.M.S. leaders who visited Jabalpore in connection with the meeting of its National Executive Committee from the 10th to the 12th Nov. '68 and who preached at all the local Churches and addressed public meetings emphasising the urgent need and burden of the laity and the clergy of the Indian Churches to carry forward the gospel of salvation and goodnews to the unevangelised and unreached areas of our vast country. Dr. Joshi remarked that the N.M.S. leaders once again reminded the local congregations and the Christian public of the great mission of the Church. He further suggested that the battle-line of the N.M.S. might have to be varied in view of the changed circumstances in our country; but each one of us in the N.M.S. and the ChristianChurch should go out and search for new avenues of service and Christian ministry in view of the growing restrictions imposed by the various State Governments. In this connection he mentioned

that the Madhya Pradesh Govt., in line with the Orissa Govt., has recently passed a Religious Freedom Bill which virtually forbids Christian ministry and service and seeks to stamp out all Christian humanitarian work in the fields of Education, Relief and Medical aids as illegal inducement by the Christian Missionaries and Social Service Workers to increase their numbers.

Sri Sunil Dutt and party, Miss Maya Mondal, Miss. Sipra Daffadar and the Central Methodist Church Choir party entertained the guests with devotional music. The Rev. John John of Mar Thoma Church offered a short prayer at the beginning of the function.

D. Mitra

OBITUARY

The Late Mr. J. Robert Dawson B.A., I.P.S.

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. Robert Dawson, retired Senior Superintendent of Post Offices in his 61st year after a brief illness. He was a talented speaker and a musician, who was greatly interested in the N.M S, church and its activities. He was a life member of the N.M.S. and gave handsome contribution to the Society and the church from his provident fund amount after retirement.

His health failed about a few weeks ago and he passed away peacefully. His funeral was attended by many of his friends.

We convey our sympathy to Mrs. Dawson and members of the family.

"I am delighted to read the National Missionary Intelligencer which I get regularly. I am deeply impressed with all the news and articles contained in it especially "A Hundred Witnesses to Jesus Christ". I am happy to note the wonderful progress the N.M.S. has made during the past and pray to God, our heavenly Father to shower His choicest blessings on the workers, so that they will get renewed physical and spiritual strength to carry on the noble work they are doing for the propagation of the Gospel in our mother land, India.

V. A. George,
North Borneo

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PRAYER

O, God our Shepherd, give to the Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and fresh understanding, the revival of her brightness and the renewal of her unity; that the eter[illegible]ssage of Thy Son may be hailed as the good news of the new [illegible]hrough Him who makes all things new, even Jesus Christ [illegible]ord. —Amen.

The Cross and Peace

St. Paul, in his letters, has a way of reminding us of dimensions in our faith that we often overlook. Take, for example, some of the things he tells us about the meaning of the cross (that is, the passion and the resurrection of our Lord).

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul tells us that through the cross we all have access to peace. Paul says that Jesus Christ is our peace, that Jesus Christ has offered the means of bringing an end to division and striving among men, that there is no longer a need to consider some men as aliens or separate or apart. Paul reminds us that the cross offers unity, and this unity will release us from the tyranny of enmity and the violence, disunity often brings.

Most Christians consider the cross in terms of a personal meaning only. This is valid, but it is also limited. The grace of God exhibited and offered in the death and resurrection of Jesus is more than a private redemption and salvation. It also requires, renewed persons, to become members of a new humanity, a new social order in the midst of the world's rivalling forces. We are called upon to serve as "missonaries" in the cause of God's peace among men.

The annual song of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men" is lifted at Christmas. At Easter we lift the other part of the song; "The strife is o'er, the battle won." The Christmas song announces the time of deliverance has come; the Easter refrain recalls the means God has given to realize the hope!

Truth of the Cross

Men of all ages and nations have little difficulty in accepting the *truth* of the cross as a symbol of man's search for peace. All of us,

however, have more difficulty in making the cross a *living power within us.*

We use the cross as an attractive and lovely decoration on the top of churches and on altar tables; We use gold and brass and precious woods and stones to shape this form which we admire as the symbol of our religion. This is fine, but it must also be the sign and the standard that we hold before and above us as we move in our daily rounds.

Heinrich Heine, the German writer, anteceded the "God is Dead" hawkers by over a century. In 1834, he was equally concerned about the presence of the living God in our world. Heine, however, was not talking about the condition of the Deity, but what we humans were doing with our faith. He feared that the cross was being treated only as a decoration and not as a presence claiming men's actions. And he feared the chaos that might ensue if we men continued in this way.

He wrote:

"If some day the cross, that standard which leads us to peace, should crumble, the savagery of the old warriors will again burst forth—the insensate, berserk, rage, about which the ancient poets sang and say so much. This standard is rotting, and some day it will lamentably crumble. The old stone gods will rise from the ancient ruins and rub the millennal dust from their eyes. These fierce powers with giant hammers will spring aloft and shatter our massive cathedrals."

The old warriors need not be mythical figures and demons from our ancient sagas. The massive means of violence and destruction are evident all about us—and how easily they can be employed to shatter our "symbols" of peace and brotherhood (do we remember the Ambala Cathedral in 1965?)

The season of Lent is upon us. From the 19th February to the 6th April we shall repeat our annual sojourn with the passion and suffering of our Lord. What will the cross say to us this year? What mark will it make on the way we submit ourselves to its power this year?

So long as crosses remain, as only symbols to decorate and indentify, we shall betray our Lord—it is as simple as that. We can discuss the cross, we can adore it, we can glorify, we can make it more attractive; but that will not keep it from "rotting" or falling.

The cross calls us to obedience to its ways; it calls us to faithfulness in its service. This latter is the challenge we Christians face today.

There will be cries of peace but no peace unless there is a peacemaker. The cross ought to stir us from our talking about peace and into the arena of struggling to bring about peace.

We say it is not easy; we say we are not qualified; we say we are afraid. These may be truths, but they are also excuses. We organize a committee or commission to do something about it; the committee only makes "official" what we all hide behind. "Nothing can be done except, by them" (whoever they are!) Still, Calvary reminds us that God's redemption was not achieved by a sermon but on a cross – not some words, but an act.

Lent and Easter remind us—with oh, such painful truth—that our dilemma is not how to teach more people to repeat the Apostle's Creed; the real crisis we face is how we live the apostles' deeds.

The cross as the symbol of peace is meaningless unless it has simultaneously the standard for our living in the eyes of the world. That which is living is not rotting and crumbling. Over the wrecks of time let the cross of Christ be kept vital by the lives of those who give themselves to build peace. —RICHARD RENWICK SMYTH

Taken from *Indian Witness.*

A Step To Renew The Church In India

Though Christianity has been in India for nearly 1900 years, it has not made its impact on the Hindu majority. All its educational, medical, social and other philanthropic activities have not helped to win their confidence and friendship, and on the other hand, day by day its opposition to the missionary enterprise has recently manifested itself politically as the religious freedom acts. No other religion, from outside India, has been so opposed vehemently even though nothing of non-Indian could be found in it.

Many a reason may be given such as political, fiscal, intellectual and spiritual reasons. Recently, there has been much talk about the lack of development indigenous theology and involvement in the society? Are these the reasons?

Anything which comes from outside a country has to be adopted to that particular country's culture and heritage. The protestant Christianity has failed in this respect.

In the development of indigenous thoughts, except for late Mr. Chakkarai and Mr. Chenchaiah, there were none. The Indian mind had been receptive, but never reacted to produce something original. Whatever was brought from the West was accepted as valid. So also, the system of administration, was a stumbling block for the healthy life of the Church and a scandal among others.

Our Lord said to His disciples "You shall be witness for me" (Acts 1:8) They were called to preach the gospel (Mk. 3:14) but

this has to be backed by their living (Acts 2:42-47). In our experience we know the majority community is not opposed to the 'Gospel' as such, but they rejected it because it was not backed by the actual life of the Chrisitan community.

Christianity is not an individualistic religion, but it is a corporate one. We are living as Churches (a body of Christians) among the non-christians. There was a necessity for an administration. The administrative system adopted played a great part. This administrative system instead of being conducive to a healthy witness has become a scandal and a stumbling block and tarnished the image of Christ presented by the Gospel preaching.

Politically, we are just growing in democracy. Even here, we have not succeeded in the adoption of a democratic system of administration. In the churches it is unnatural to the heritage of Indian religious life. Hence, whereever we go, we find disscusion, hatred, litigation etc. As a result, the church has failed in her mission in this country.

Take for example the mutts in India. The leaders of them are chosen not so much by election but by choice, by one who is the head of the organisation and it is not by communal backing or by majority but by the leader's, a spiritual attainment. For example, take Sri. Sankarachariar of Kanchi Kama Koti Peetam. His successor is chosen not by casting of votes but by his choice. (Mr. R. D. Paul has well pointed out these defects in his article C. S. I. after 20 years, Part II—"the failures" published in the "Christian Focus" dated the 15th February 1969.

Once a leader is chosen, he is the undisputed spiritual leader who claims homage from the philospher down to the villager not because of his position and involvement in the administration of the Organisation, but because of his spiritual life and high thinking. He is the shepherd and his sheep hear his voice.

His spiritual leadership is accepted because he never condescends to involve himself in the admininstration of his mutt. If he were to do so, he will lose his spiritual leadership; but when advices are sought for, he guides the people.

In the churches, the Bishops and the ordained priests should keep themselves above the administration and be men of God to whom the people should look for guidance. This was done in the early church (Acts 6:1-4). The Apostles were able to guide the churches just because they did not involve themselves in the admininstration and the quarrels of the churches of their days.

The actual admininstration can be handled by the Laymen of the church. In India the village temples were admininstered by the men of the village and the priest had nothing to do. His needs were

looked after by the villagers and he was a spiritual leader to them. So, the priest had a distinct position in the village community. The Roman Church in India has adopted this partially with a measue. of success.

The Diocesan Church council, and the pastorate affairs can be managed by lay representatives. The involvement of the clergy and the Heads of Churches have made them something like a secular administration with the leader of opposition and a party head, etcr This situation makes their spiritual duties ineffective among the members of the congregation. The ordained people can devote their time in devotion and in the development of spiritual life in themselves and in the flock under their charge. This will help them to be the real shepherds of their flock. The people will look to them for guidance for the growth in their religious life which will make the Christiau Witness effective in this land. India needs saints but not administrators in the spiritual field.

The unnatural administrative system of the church not only takes away the time of the clergy, but also makes their Pastoral and Evangelistic work ineffective. Can we grow out of this stagnation.

(This is my personal view and hence I am responsible for the contents. Any criticism is quite welcome).

K. G. S. DORAIRAJ

A Hundred Indian Witnesses to Jesus Christ

(By Rev. P. J. Thomas, Krupa Nivas Permbavoor, Kerala)

54, The Venerable Archdeacon Oommen Mammen

One of the vicissitudes through which the ancient Syrian Church of South India passed was that of a section of it joining the C.M.S. Missionaries and becoming a part of the Anglican Church in the first half of the nineteenth century. It is now the Central Kerala diocese of the Church of South India. There have been several noted leaders, saints and scholars in that section of the Indian Church, one of them being the subject of this study.

The Archdeacon Oommen Mammen of Mavelikkara, the second Archdeacon of the Indian church, was a remarkable example of the redeeming, transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ and is eminently worthy of a place in this series of the one hundred witnesses. He was instrumental in the enrichment of a good number of people through his preaching and his writing, not to speak of his life and character, and it is hoped many more will be helped by this re- telling of his story.

There are somewhat adequate accounts of his life published at different times. The most recent one is by one of the grand-sons of our hero. The Archdeacon himself has left behind certain journals. But the probaly valuable details of that bit of writing are debarred to us by an injunction which reads as follows : "Courteous reader, or any dear one who might see this, and the former journal, I beseech you from my heart, and pray to you in the name of Christ, that if this journal were to survive me, do not publish it, *do not publish it*, if you are a Christian, and you who read it have mercy on me, do not print this. What is really forbidden is the printing and publishing of the writing as a whole and not the useful information. Well, that is not our concern.

Oommen was born as the son of Mammen Tharakan on March 24, 1830 in a highly placed Syrian Christian family. The father being a Tharakan shows an aristocratic connection. The mother was the daughter of a judge. It may interest the non-Malayalee reader to learn that both the boy's name (Oommen) and the fathers name (Mammen) are drived from Thomas the name of the Apostolic founder of the Syrian church, of Kerala. During the long centuries the scriptural and other ancient names underwent quaint modlfications. To give a few instances, the name Kuruvilla is from Cyril ; Cherian is from Zachariah ; and Chandy is derived from Alexander!

Due to his father's death within three weeks of the boy's birth, the mother's remarriage after a year or two, and the forfeiting of all his paternal property, Oommen started life as he himself has told us later on, as a penurious orphan. This prayer of his is on record : "I have never known the love of an earthly father. But I have a heaverly Father ; an excellent Father ; I will never lose Him. He is the immortal and eternal Father. O my only Father, never forsake me". After the early schooling in his own village he was taken to the maternai home where the C.M.S. Missionary recognized his potentialities and helped him through the High School and the College. In the College he was known as OMMMEN THE PIOUS. It is said he was is danger of life on account of his reporting to the principal about certain misdeeds of his hostel-mates. He was in the C. M. S. College, Kottayam.

His marriage took place in his 21st. year, ordination as deacon in his 26th. and as Presbyter in his 29th. He was in his 70th when he was raised to the status and responsibility of an Archdeacon in 1900. He worked as parish priest in nine different places, the last of which was Mavelikkara where he laboured for 24 years and where he occupied the post of Archdeacon.

But it is as an energetic, sincere and persevering evangelist that his name will live long in the memory of the Kerala Church. He carried the Gospel, to the hindu royal, palace of Mavelikkara, to

the poor and the destitute in the worn-out cottages, to the school rooms and to the playing fields, and on ferry boats. He was instrumental in opening up Missions for the Church. A certain clergyman has testified that his conversion was due to a pamphlet given by the Archdeacon on a ferry-boat. One writer has said that evangelism, to the Archdeacon, was like breathing. A college principal whose early memories included the aged archdeacon's preaching in schools, describes him as follows: "One of the earliest and deepest memories is that of a tall, kindly, venerable old man coming to us children and teaching us Psalms...His memory was green in many households in this town, the hindu households perhaps more than a Christian".

The Archdeacon's service as a witness to Jesus Christ has lasting value because of the literary portion of it. He is the reputed author of some eighteen books. They have an additional merit of being the foundation of Modern Malayalm Prose. The books are mostly translations of English writings. The major part deals with the life of women and children. The Hindu historian of the Malayalam Literature has spoken highly of his contribution to literature. But it is for the Christian testimony in it that the Church is indebted to most of all.

He was a witness to the very close of his life. Even in his 75th. year he was out on the streets with the Gospel message. The story of his end is the most inspiring. On the 23rd. of Aug. 1904 he was returning from his usual evangelistic stride. It was noon. He entered a school building. The children were away. He left a message on the black board; a scriptural text; and the suggestion that the children should learn it by heart on their return. He came home; had his meal and went to bed for a nap after a word of prayer. He did not rise from that sleep. His soul flew away to the side of that wonderful Saviour whom he loved so deeply and served so faithfully.

EXTRACTS FROM FIELD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

JAWADHI.

Jamnamarathur. Sunday Schools have been started in the nearby village centres.

Kalyanamanthai. The tribal people have strong faith in evil spirits. Some of them are affected by these spirits. During the month of February, Papathi, a girl from Mathukanoor and Chinnap-

paya Ammpattan Kollae were reported to be possessed of evil spirits. they were healed by prayer.

The people who werc against us, have became friends by the grace of God and the Gospel is being preached in those areas.

The evangelist here, Mr. S. Aruladas in suffering from stomach pain and is getting treatment at Ambur as an outpatient. We are requested to remember him in our prayers.

Nadanur. In the course of his work to spread the Gospel in the new settlement, Mr. A. Devanandan evangelist at Nadanur, reached Puliyamarakuppam, 5 miles away with the help of a tribal youth who attends the night school.

Here the people welcomed him happily because of the reports about the work at Nadanur had reached them. They requested him to start the same work. He writes that this can be a new centre and the evangelist can reach 15 other new settlements.

We are glad to inform that some members of the congregation of St. John's Church Fort, Vellore, will be visiting Nadanur on the 16th of March to study the nature of work in person, We hope this visit will be a source of encouragement to both the supporters and the workers.

We are happy to inform that Mr. & Mrs, Devanandan had a boy on the 3rd March 1969.

HappyNews, You might have read that some members of the Bangalore N.M.S. team visited Jawadhi during Christmas. They were inspired to help the Society with finance to start work in a new centre.

We need a devoted evangelist'. Please pray for the same.

Gundalathur. The evangelist, Mr. Rajaian reports that in addition to night and day schools, they have visited new villages and preached the gospel with the help of flannel graph.

Let us thank God for the continued support for His work by the Kaniyakumori Diocese Missionary Prayer Band.

Mrs. Rajaian was not well, let us remember her in our prayers.

Brief report of the work, at Pachperwa by Sri Victor Singh.

Our work in the field at Pachperwa is by God's grace going on smoothly. We met bitter opposition by the Jan Sangh Workers during election time so but by the help of the Almighty God we over-

came it very peacefully. Several people of their own, started supporting me and said their own people, "We know Padri Sahib, he does his work and helps the people in many ways, he is a good man. You do your work and let him do his". At that very place I succeeded in distributing tracts and gospel portions. On such occasions God's grace guides us wonderfully.

Our First Aid Dispensary is going on very well, andwe are giving medicines free of charge. Some times the Government Dispensary doctors also help me by his good friendly advice. Small pox epidemic is spreading in this area. Many women with their children come to our dispensary for help, We tell them how to protect their children from the disease. My wife helps me and the patients very much. Many people request us to pray for them as they have learnt the value and power of prayer.

Our reading-room is also rendering good service, to the educated gentry of the villages and its suburbs. We are doing a lot of personal and spiritual work through the reading-room. Several neighbouring villages, houses and shops were visited and prayers were offered in the homes for the needy. Thus our work is going on well in exalting our Lord above all, We greatly need your prayer for spiritual power and guidance.

Bharatpur—Rajasthan Mr. S. C. P. Tyagi writes.

Rev O. J. Smith said "That the only means of reaching every man with the gospel is through the printed pages. "I felt that evangelism through Christian literature is the CALL of our day. The quickest way to reach the hungry masses with the Work of God is through literature and its effectiveness is accepted by the masses.

It was a joy to find at Christ Mukty Ashyam, Bharatpur Bible Library Non-christians and christians, who are not only interested in christian books and other literature, but take active part in christian activities.

It is gratifying to know that christian literature has made a great impact on many lives.

My concern has been how to put the Word of God into the hands of those who have so far not been able to get even a tract to read. Your prayers and support are greatly needed to strengthen the work so that this area may soon be evangelised through christian literature.

REPORT FROM BAGESHWAR CENTRE.

By Mr. Bachi Singh.

I thank our Lord for his guidance during the month.

I visited 3 villages, Ratoli, Bhatkoli and Arrey. 1 sold 19 gospel portions and distributed 106 tracts in the villages and on the way 3 'Pahari Bhajan mala' were also sold. Many people heard the message.

I visited some families in Bageshwar proper also. I am glad to say that they were greatly interested in our work and anxious to know more and more. May God bless them and give them understanding to accept our Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. 5 gospel portions were sold to these families.

Besides this, I circulated some religious books and magazines to some non-christians. I guided them whenever they asked for my help.

I request that I may be remembered in your prayers.

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A Foreign Missionary Writes

I have just been reading a weekly paper. What seems to me to be partly an attack on foreign missionaries and their methods especially in seeking to convert people to christianity or better still to Christ. While some of his efforts are commended, it seems that those who write, seem to favour a more compromising style of work to be done by nationalistic Christians. In reading the little paper published by the National Missionary Society, there is quite a different tune struck as it tells of one hundred Indian Witnesses to Jesus Christ who were mostly high caste Hindus with a few Muslims who become christians through the efforts of Foreign Missionaries.

For thirty years I preached the Gospel of Christ in hundreds of villages with the help of a convert to Christ belonging to the Vellala Gounden caste. In his preaching I noticed he often pointed out that Christ was not an European but of Asian birth. The trouble with many in India seems to be that they think He is the white man's God. As regards Foreign Missionaries coming to India in CROWDS one wonders where they all are. I've been in India off and on for 50 years and have not yet seen the crowds. At present I am the only Protestant Missionary residing in a town of 30,000 people and am aged 86 which means I am not so able to convert any to Christ as I would dearly love to do.

The word Foreign Missionary seems strange as the good Book reads, in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek by the which rule many if not all missionaries seek to live. If it seems for God to send foreign Missionaries to India, why should we poor mortals object. Jonah a foreign missionary was asked to go to Ninevah and preach but was disobedient and got into trouble. When he obeyed God and preached a stern uncompromising message of judgment the whole city repented and thousands, including the King were blessed besides much cattle. In Scotland's industrial Capital the city's motto years ago was "let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the Word". We foreign Missionaries are anxious with others to see India flourish in every way. Why criticise us for doing what God calls us to do? In my many years of missionary work in South India I often found that Hindu officials and others were more friendly and helpful to me in my christian work than many so called Indian christians. Why so?

During the late World War a man was reading the bad news from the battle field and was greatly discouraged. Noticing this, his boy looked up into his sad face and said, 'It's the Devil Daddy'. Can this be the reason for so much recent criticism of the Foreign Missionaries? (Foreign Devils, Chinese version 100 years ago). As regards the christian converts staying in their former fold (so called) would their Hindu or Muslim friends allow them to do so? History of converts in India such as Sadhu Sunder Singh and others seems to say "No" Many early christians in India in years gone by, became outcastes in the estimation of the Hindus. How could they remain within the Hindu or Muslim fold and still be christians when they were now considered outcastes ? My high caste Indian evangelist used to tell me that after his conversion to Christ he visited his Hindu relatives but was compelled to eat his meals ALONE OUTSIDE on the verandah of their house.

India and other countries are inviting and encouraging Foreign Tourists to come and visit their country largely or partly because of *financial gain.* FOREIGN Missionaries come and stay and not only pay their own expenses but bring lakhs of money into poor India and leave it not only richer materially but also socially and spiritually. Is it good business to seek to keep them out simply because they seek to convert people to christianity or to Christ? Is that an unpardonable sin? Why this *strange* opposition by some, but not all Indian christians?

In reading the criticism against the Foreign Missionares I am reminded of the late City Temple of London. One time a famous preacher Dr. Parker quoting a statement which ascribed the conversion of Saul of Tarsus as being only an epileptic fit. The reply of Dr. Parker as he stood with uplifted arms in his pulpit was "Lord, let's have some more of these so called epileptic fits". Why not pray and ask the Lord to send crowds more of missionaries whether red or yellow, black or white. The harvest truly is plentiful but the labourers are *few,* is God's verdict. Why not rejoice that whether in pretence or sincerity Christ is being preached. The Indian Rev. Dr. Haqq's advice surely is worth heeding as quoted in the Light of Life magazine on his return from U.S.A. In conference work recently in India his advice spoken to the newspaper journalists was among non-christians, we should keep talking about Christ. Do not compare Him with other figures. Just talk about Him. That is what will win in India. Selah :

Cordially
Foreign missionary.
Rev. W. Borthwick,
6, Samagounda Nagar,
TIRUPATTUR
North Arcot District.

The All India Institute on evangelism. March 7th 1969.

This Institute was held at New Delhi Y.M.C.A. which was sponsored by Dr. Akbar Haqq's crusades in India. Seventy delegates were invited to participate and an exciting week shared by all of us. I was one of the two from Mysore State, and also one of the two from the Mar Thoma Church.

Each day began with a family worship in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. Then we had our Bible exposition by a pastor from Illinois. Next we had our talk on Christianity and Islam. This subject was taught by a Muslim convert Rev. Abdul Haqq. Dr. Devasahayam of Serampore University lectured on the subject of evangelism and the contemporary world. He pointed out that the ministry once he thought, was Christian marrying and burying, but later, he understood that Gospel preaching accompanied by faith yielded results more abundantly.

Rev. Masilamai of A.P. gave a few lectures on the history of evangelism, Gandhiji and the Gospel in which he treated the mass movements in Telugu area, where now the disciples movement is prevalent.

I loved to hear a speaker speak on the disciples of an evangelist. Every night Dr. Haqq gave a few sermons on the title "The message we preached". Y.M.C.A. hall was full night after night when he spoke, and the Institute came to a close by a inter denomination a service by the Rt. Rev. M.M. John of Kerala.

All glory to His Name.

Kumta. K.T. George.

A Hundred Indian Witnesses To Jesus Christ

(By Rev. P. J. Thomas, Krupa Nivas Perumbavoor, Kerala)

55. VEDAMANICKAM

This Christian Witness is from South Travancore, now a portion of Tamil Nadu, and the seat of a powerful church, powerful in spiritual influence more than in numbers. It is the Diocese of Kanyakumari in the Church of South India with Bishop Rt. Rev. I-R.H. Gnanadasan as its head. It is today making a distinct contribution not only in the Tamil Nadu but in the entire church of the Indian peninsula. The very fact that it has produced such an eminent leader as Bishop Gnanadasan is sufficient to keep the Diocese on a

high pedestal. The subject of this paper hailed from that area at a time prior to the existence of any church in the entire region. The story is placed around the year 1800. We are indebted to the account given by Dr. S. Jesudasan of The Christu Kula Asram, Tirupathur in his booklet "Christ's Indian Jewels."

Vedamanickam's earlier name was Maharasan. He belonged to a low caste called Valluvars, in a village named Myiaudi, not very far from Nagercoil, the Headquarters of the Diocese, and the home at present of several Christian educational and medical institutions. It is said that his ancestors migrated from Tanjore of the old Madras State in persuit of agricultural employment in the rich rice fields of the Southern-most tip of the Indian peninsula. The story of the conversion of this great Christian gives us evidence of several facts such as (1) the presence of deep fervour and devotion in the lowest of Hindu castes, and (2) the way in which the Spirit of God guides and blesses those who sincerely seek and follow Him even in their ignorant and superstitious ways. Maharasan was devoted to the worship of Siva. He is said to have been very zealous in the observance of the Saivite faith and rituals. His earnestness awakened in him a desire to go on a pilgrimage so that he might have a clear and near vision of the Blessed One. He was told that in Chidambaram he could have a chance to worship the Brahmam without the aid of idols. Maharasan and a nephew of his with the name Sivagurunathan, set out on the ambitious trip. But the reputed Chidambaram was 300 miles away ! What of that! They would walk it out ! Nothing is difficult when it is a question of seeing and worshipping God.

Thus the two men set out at last on the hazardous journey in those days when there were no trains, no buses, not even transit carts. But the reputed pilgrim centre seen at close quarters was a sad disappointment. Several things which to him were contrary to the spirit of true worship met his eyes and made him regret the trip. But the good God whom he served and wanted to know more closly did not fail him at that moment of sad disillusionment and despair, He was granted a vision during his sleep in the Temple courtyard leaning on a pillar. He felt he saw a venerable man in white flowing robes asking him to go to the place which was to be shown to him as he went on. (Very much like the old patriarch Abraham).

When it came to a question of actually acting on the vision, the uncle and the nephew could not think of anything but that of returning home, and they did. On the way they had to pass through Tanjore the ancestral home of their fathers. There in Tanjore they came to understand that a good number of their own people had accepted the Christian Faith having relinquished the old faith of their fathers. It happened to be a Sunday and they were invited to

attend the Church. It was there that the vision reached its fulfilment.

Maharasan felt too shy to go into the church and so, he stood out side at the door. The preacher was the famous German missionary the Rev, John Kolhoff. He noticed the saffron-robed pilgrim standing at the door. Was he the venerable man in white robes who spoke to the pilgrim in the temple precints? Whatever that be, he was used by God to make an impassioned appeal to the hearers that day to "Come to Jesus". The appeal went home to the heart of Maharasan then and there. The dissatisfied seeker found at last what he needed- There followed a heart to heart conversation between Dr. Kolhoff and Maharasan. It was clear that there was nothing to hinder the baptism of the recruits and their entry into the faith of their adoption. The Maharasan become Vedamanickam (Gem of the Sacred Lore), and Siva Gurunathen become Masillamany (the spotless gem).

Following on baptism the new converts were given tuition in the study of the Holy Word of God and the ways of Christian living. The new light and power worked so radically in their minds that they were siezed with a keen desire to go home and share the secret of their joy and satisfaction and hope in their kith and kin with their native place. The missionaries wished to keep them within their influence for a longer period, but the two men could not be constrained and had to be permitted to go. Committed to the gracious care of God, they were given a copy of the Bible each and sent away.

In the meantime, the relatives at home failing to get any information about the whereabouts and fortunes of the two men for such a long time that it was taken for granted that they must have been dead and gone. Preparations were even made for the final rites and ceremonies. There were moanings and wailings on the part of the mothers and other close relatives. Then all of a sudden the men entered the house to the great surprise and the immense relief of all. A large gathering was there around the house. When once the surprise and the gladsome welcoming were over, the demand was for the sacred rice (Prasadam) and the sacred ashes (Vibuthi) brought from the great Chidhambaram temple. The golden opportunity had arrived for Vadamanickam. He took out the New Testament from his pocket and proclaimed, "Here is the true Prasadam and Vibuthi". This was soon followed by a spirited exposition of the way of salvation through the Blood of Christ and the finished work of Redemption on the Cross. Vedamanickam's own family members and thirty others were his first converts. Thus was laid the foundation of the first evangelical Christian Church in Mylaudi. Vedamanickam had among his descendents great Christian poets and preachers.

Report of The Annual Get-Together Held At Wesley High School Royapettah On 15th February '69.

The Annual Get-to-gether of the N.M.S. was held at the Wesley High School on the 15th February 1969. More than three hundred and fifty members participated in the function. The games started at 3. p.m. in which all the members took part. Separate items for children, women and men in games were held. More than twenty five prizes were given to the winners.

After the games, packets containing Mysore pauk and mixture were given to all the members. Then hot coffee was given.

Then the Annual Meeting started. The Chairman Sri J.I. Coilpillai retired engineer Tamil Nadu, spoke about the N.M.S. Then Mr. A. Devanandan, the evangelist from Jawadhi Hills, gave a vivid talk about the missionary work carried on in his place about the people among whom he and his colleagues work. Then Mrs. Stella Coilpillai distributed the prizes to the winners of the city branch for their valuable work.

After the annual meeting films and film strip were shown on America and the life of Sadhu Sunder Singh. Then the meeting ended.

Frank Doraswamy. CONVENER

A. Ponraj Solomon. AREA CONVENER

Jawadhi Hills

Report from the fields

Jamna Marathur. the Rev. D. Elias writes that he visited all the centres and also the six new tribal settlements and had open air prayer days. At the end of February, he was able to attend Kanyakumari Diocese Missionary Prayer Group Annual Meeting and tell them of the work. The group assured him of the continual support to a worker, Mr. Rajaian.

Gundalathur. Mr. Rajaian writes that he visited a number of tribal settlements during the month and taught the people about the Divine Love. He was able to contact the people of Kurianur for the first time. They welcomed him and gave a keen hearing to what he said about Jesus the Saviour.

Mrs. Rajaian is in indifferent health. Both husband and wife go on their annual leave. They will get medical treatment. May God grant them health and success in their work.

Kalyanamanthai. Mr. S. Aruldas writes that the usual regular visits to the tribal settlements were done. A youth by name Annamalai from the village of Vannaukulam heard the Gospel and he asked the question, "How could I be saved" He was advised to repent for his sin and believe in Jesus the Saviour. He accepted the advice and took some Gospel portion and tracts to read.

The little congregation grows in grace and in the knowledge of Christ Jesus.

Nadanur

Mr. A. Devanadam writes, the regular work was carried on in the day and night school. He was also visiting the settlments around Nadanur.

On 16th March about 12 people from the congregation of St. John's Church Vellore, who support the project, visited the centre and the settelments where the gospel had been preached for the last seven months. A report is awaited from them.

The roof is being repaired at the cost Rs. 500/-. A new Philips Cycle has been supplied to him at Rs. 328/ 15. He intends to bring his family in May there. His wife still has not got an appointment.

If CASA permits we will take up same as a relief measure to the tribal people.

As indicated some time ago by God's Grace it mav be possible to open another centre soon with the help of the Bangalore Branch. So we request you to pray for the following:

1. For the health of Mr & Mrs Rajaian
2. For Mr. Aruldas and his family.
3. Nadanur work and the evangelist Mr. A. Devanandam and his family.
4. For a good evangelist for the new centre.

General Secretary's Visit To Puri and his report

DATE: 17th to 23rd March 1969.

WORKERS. (1). Mr. K. Koteswara Rao, evangelist in charge of the Isabanthi Ashram.

(2). Mr. Paul Sanjeevi, evangelist.

(3). Rev. Pratap Senapati, Librarian.

(4). Chitu, Mali.

ASHRAM. The Ashram was well maintained by Mr. Koteswara Rao. Ever since he took charge, the income from the land had been increasing (In the previous man's time we didn't receive any income). Both from collection from the services and contribution from the Ashramites we have so far received till the end of February Rs. 578.91. The main building was repaired at the cost of Rs. 1503/-. The work was done well and it needs no expenditure on repair for at least 10 years except for annual white wash.

CHAPEL. It was in a bad state of repair but it had been repaired at his own cost of Rs. 200/- by Mr. Koteswara Rao as a thank offering. The three small houses need to be repaired.

WORK. The work had been faithfully carried on in Pentakotah and in Noliasahi among the fishermen. Year before last they got 19 adults for our Lord who were baptised and received into the Church with the co-operation of the Local Baptist Church. They form a nucleus and cheerful little congregation with spiritual life and enthusiasm. They have the spirit of self-propagation, self-support and self-development in the right direction. Through our worker's work, and with the help of this little congregation we have now 20 adults enquirers ready for baptism, but the political and legal situation in Orissa delay their baptism. As Dr. Krupadanam pointed out in his report the Pentecostalists from Bengal came and baptised about 4 members and went back to Bengal. So there is the danger of losing these 20 either to the Pentecostalists or to keep dormant the faith of this poor enquirers by delaying the baptism.

LIBRARY. As regards the Library, no improvement had been made in the last two years. During the two evenings I visited the Library, I didn't find anybody except the Librarian, but he says that there are enquirers and showed 10 to 12 in number from the visitors book, who attend the library in those evenings. Very few are regular, hence I have my doubts concerning the value of the maintainence of the liberary in relation to our work, unless it is made attractive by the addition of new religious and secular books. This room can be made into a Library Bajana Mandap for two days in a week, where the Telugu people and the Oriya people can sing Bajan type of lyrics which will attract the people coming to the temple, the Telugu and the Oriyans have gifts in that line. So by singing lyrics, the people can be attracted and the opportunity will be there to share the word of God.

SCHOOLS. The Pentakota School cum Church thatched shed has been erected and repaired at people's own cost. The total strength of the School in the 5 classes are 117 out of which 80 were present on 19-3-69. As it was the off season for the fishermen some of them had moved to Andhra. So, some of the children have gone with them. They will return in two months. There are two teachers, one Mr.

Narsinga Rao, and the other Miss. Uma Rani Patnaik. In Nolia Sahe there are about 40 children of which 26 were present on that day. It is a part time school.

ACCOUNTS. Mr. Koteswara Rao has maintained a good account for the receipts and expenditure which clearly shows his honesty in his money dealings and also his sincerity in the Christian Task. So, I was very happy to observe that my remarks of appreciation at the triennial conference concerning him had been well authenticated by his actual life.

Sd. K. G. S. Dorairaj.

General Secretary.

Work In Rajastan.

Dear Friends,

When I write these lines from Bharatpur, my heart has been challenged to see Christ live through me and also with many others. Our primary goal in the N.M.S. is to glorify Jesus Christ in every area of life, and to see that God's Kingdom is built in our land. Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan accepted Christ as a Saviour, and Dr. Abdul Haqq prayed for the baptism of Holy Spirit on Mr. Narayanan. I was greatly privileged to attend the All.India Institute of Evangelism in Delhi, from which I learnt many lessons. Mr. Lakshmi Narayanan and myself distributed the minutes, tracts and sold 150 Gospal portion and one New Testament and one Urdu Bible.

After returning from Delhi, I contacted many persons in Mathura and Aligarh. I thank God who gave me strength and courage to preach the word of God to many non-christians.

Pershad Tyagi.

Puri—Orissa

Erreyah—The little one of Pentacotah.

Erreyah is a Hindu fisher boy of 10 years of age living with his parents in one of the huts on the sea-shore of Puri. He regularly attends the unrecognised N.M.S. School in one of the larger sheds, crowded with 112 children with two Hindu teachers teaching them under the direction of our evangelists.

This Erreyah's belief in Jesus grew steadily that he could not but talk and sing about Jesus whereever he was, whether it was his play ground.

His mother got alarmed at this and warned him against his utterance of Jesus name threatening him wirh severe punishments. But the boy boldly persisted in his belief in Jesus.

One day she got wild at himself telling about Jesus and tied him with a long thick rope to the pillar post of the hut saying that she wouid like to see whether his Jesus would save him. The rope was was wound tightly round from head to foot. Even then the boy asserted that His Jesus would surely save him. The mother had a hearty laugh at the boy's foolishness.

The boy Erreyah stood silently unmoved by the rope or mockery he faced. Within a few minutes some unexplainable thing occurred that the rope fell of its own accord at his feet and at the sametime his mother began to suffer with unbearable headache and fever. Erreyah went to his mother and prayed for her and she was relieved.

I saw the boy in my visit. He lives in one of the huts on the seashore of Puri What does that mean to us.

Is it not true that our resurrected lord lives amongst us and acts.

"He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs..."

K. G. S. D.

Obituary

We regret to announce the passing of Dr. Jesudasan (Periannan) at Tripathur Ashram. It is a great loss to the Ashram Community, the N.M.S. and other Christian Organizations which he has served for so many years and so faithfully. He gave his all for the Ashram. Our sympathies and condolence to the members of the Ashram and the family of Periannan.

A detailed account of his life will be published in the next issue of the N.M.I.

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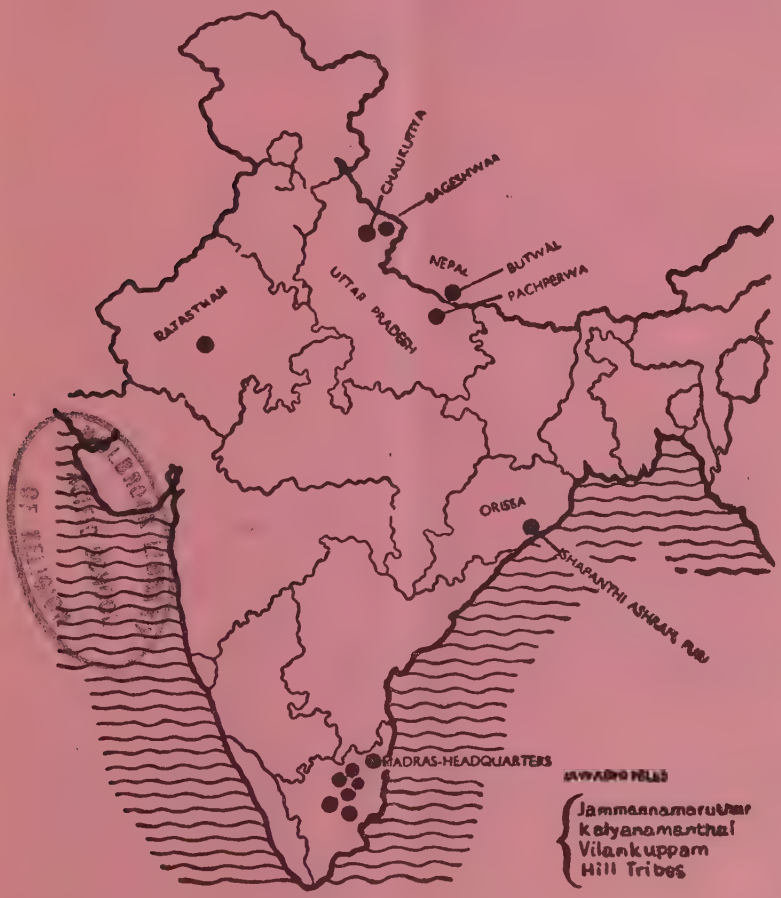

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Prayer

O most Holy Spirit of God, from whom alone floweth the ful ness of wisdom and life: Come in Thine everlasting power and glory, we beseech Thee, upon Thy Church and into the hearts of men; to bring to the world a new birth of holiness, new knowledge of truth and new unity in love: through Jesus Christ.—Amen.

Pentecost 1969

Message From The Presidents Of The World Council Of Churches. 'God Renews'

God renews!

That was the basic message of the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Uppsala 1968.

The Holy Spirit, active and surprising as ever. led us into new understandings of his gifts to the Church: we discovered anew Christ's purpose to bring people of all times, of all races, of all places, of all conditions into an organic and living unity in Him, by the Holy Spirit under the universal fatherhood of God.

This means that we must continue to seek the unity of all Christians and at the same time a new openness to the world in its aspirations, its achievements, its restlessness and its despair. It also means that we have to repudiate all sin and human wickedness which distort humanity in the life of mankind, starting with those still found in the Christian community.

We discovered anew our responsibility to participate in the struggle of millions of people for greater social justice and for world development. For the first time in history we see the oneness of mankind as an inescapable mandate. Our common task is to ensure that all men share in the proper use of the world's resources.

We urge all congregations and all Christians to accept joyfully this responsibility as a test of their obedience to God. We must contribute to serch for proper structures on the international and the national level; we must find ways to contribute sacrificially to funds

for development, both as churches and as individulas; not least we have to generate among our fellow men the awareness of the reality of human suffering as well as the real chance to break the vicious circle of misery.

We believe that the Spirit is at work in the world as well as in the Church; He corrects and directs the energies of people towards a continuous renewal of all our thinking and all our communities; He takes the suffering of men and welds it into pressure for change; He gives voice to the voiceless and teaches silence to the noisy; He instils in men the longing for God and for the revelation of his sons.

So let us rejoice in the gifts of the Spirit which have been given 'for the common good' (1 Cor. 12:7) and let us be hopeful because He who called us will also give us the imagination, the courage and the perseverance to testify to His work, both in what we say and what we do.

Let us therefore unite in the prayer of the Assembly.

'God, our Father, you can make all things new. We commit ourselves to your help us-to live for others since your love includes all men—to seek those truths which we have not seen — to obey your commands which we have heard but not yet obeyed — to trust each other in the fellowship which you have given to us; and may we be renewed by your Spirit through Jesus Christ your son and our Lord. Amen'.

The Late President, Dr. Zakir Husain...

Dr. Zakir Husain, President of the Republic of India died suddenly of a severe heart attack, on Saturday, May 3, 1969 at 11:90 a.m. Dr. Husain was a scholar and a statesman of the highest calibre and embodied in himself the noblest values that are dear to our country, namely, faith in selfless service, secularism and democracy. He was a Muslim who fought for the ideal of Mahatma Gandhi.

Dr. Zakir Hussain was born at Hyderabad, A.P. in 1897. His father who was a successful lawyer at Hyderabad, died when he was only nine years old. Therefore, he was sent with three of his brothers to his ancestral home at Etawah in U.P. He had primary education at Islamia High School. Later he joined the Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College (now known as Aligarh Muslim University). He was brilliant not only in studies but also in debate and other extra-curricular activities. He was married at the age of 18. During October, 1920, Mahatma Gandhi visited this college and explained why Indians should boycott educational institutions cont-

rolled by the British Government and should develop centres of national education instead. He was one of the small group of students and teachers who walked out of the college campus on October 29, 1920 to found a rival institution which came to be known as the Jamia Millia Islamia (National Muslim University). When he was elected as the President of Indian Republic, in May 1967, he remembered this incident and stated it as follows; "I began my public career at the feet of Gandhiji, and he has been my guide and inspirer. In this new opportunity of service, I shall do my utmost to take our people towards what Gandhiji strove restlessly to achieve; a pure life, individual and social, an insistence on the means being as pure as the end, an active and sustained sympathy for the weak and down-trodden, and a fervent desire to forge unity among the diverse sections of the people."

He received his Ph. D. degree in Economics from the University of Berlin. In the meantime, Jamia was moved from Aligarh to Delhi in 1925. Upon his return from Germany to India early in 1926, Dr. Husain was made Vice Chancellor of the Jamia at the age of 29. Though it was a great honour to be appointed to such an high office at such a young age, it was a crown of thorns which he wore for 22 years during which he built up Jamia Millia into a distinguished centre of learning. He also cultivated an understanding of painting and music.

In 1937, Gandhiji urged the provincial government to adopt his scheme of work-centred basic education. Gandhiji invited Dr. Zakir Husain to preside over the National Committee on Basic Education. Dr. Hussain's balanced interpretation of basic education introduced-new trends in our educational system.

In 1946, Jamia Millia celebrated its Silver Jubilee. It was a proud occasion for him but at the same time the country was going through a period of acute communal tension and the partition of our great Land was round the corner. He was deeply pained about these developments and urged the citizens of India to be decent, broad minded, cooperative and tolerant in all these matters. However, Independence came in 1947 and along with it partition also came. At that time, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the then Minister of Education requested him to take up the Vice Chancellorship at Aligarh University. This he accepted in 1948 and became the Vice Chacellor there for eight years until 1956. The same year he served on the University Education Commission under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.

He was drafted into political life in 1952, at the age of 55, when he was nominated as a member of the Rajya Sabha in the quota reserved for those who have distinguished themselves in literature, science, art and social service. In July, 1957, he was appointed Governor of Bihar. He often represented India in the UNESCO.

In the year 1962, when Dr. S. Radhakrishnan was elected as President of India, Jawaharlal Nehru chose Dr. Husain from out of many distinguished men as the most suitable successor to Dr. Radhakrishnan. He was elected to the office of the Vice President of India in 1962. According to our Constitution, the Vice President is the *ex officio* Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. In this capacity, Dr. Zakir Husain won the respect and affection of all sections of the House. He was elected as the President of the Republic of India and was sworn in in the Central Hall of the Parliament on May 13, 1967. During his inaugural speech, he referred to Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore and went on to say that, "The whole of Bharat is my home and its people are my family." He was the first Head of State to die in office and though he held this high office for less than two years, his self-effacing dedication to duty and his concern for all conditions and classes of persons created a popular image of singular grace and affection. He was a great educationst. He conceived education as an essential process of national revival, not as a matter confined only to the laboratories and lecture halls.

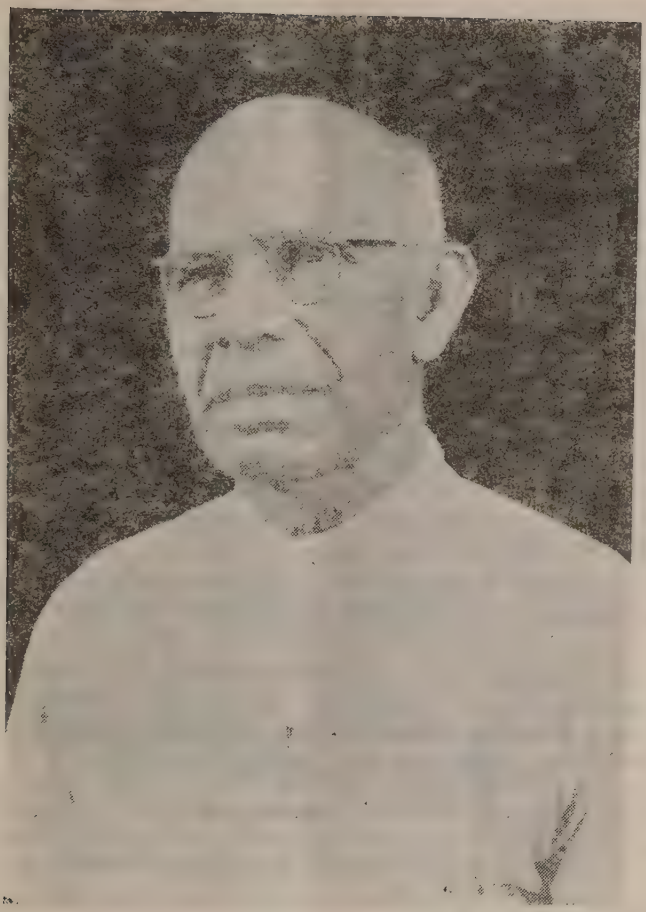
He was a man of immence scholarship, a great thinker and an able statesman. India has suffered an irreparable loss ..May God give peace to his soul. May God bless his bereaved family.

—Rev. Emmanuel E. James.

"Periannan"

Late Dr. S. Jesudason

Hore was a man for whom life never lost the halo of love — that is the abiding impression of my long contact with Periannan. What a relish he had for living and how vastly he enjoyed being alive to the very last year of his life which ended at the age of 87. He was interesting because he was interested in persons and things. His open heart won for him a multitude of friends across the seas and the length and breadth of the country. The chief charm of his writings and composition of Tamil lyrics lies in the portraying of his auto—biography. Pick up any one of them and you will not read far before striking some personal experience, confession or adventure. When you met him you will be impressed by his talkative and simple nature. His 'genius' was in the realm of friendship. Most of his friends enjoyed his life long friendship because he kept it afresh by frequent letters and occasional visits to their homes. He enjoyed and appreciated their hospitality and shared their problems and carried comfort and cheer to their homes. His spiritual disposition was a natural source of relief that his patients found in his conversation with them as he went round the hospital wards.



Periannan was not without his faults. He often would stick to his point of view so firmly that some times people felt that he was stubborn. None could make him change his mind by argument or persuasion on certain matters on which he had taken a decision. Such attitude which led to controversy was taken by him in relation to the affairs of the Ashram. [He was liberal and broad minded with regard to different doctrinal position of various churches. With fundamentalist, with high church and Evangelical, with Roman Catholic and Protestant, he had no discernible quarrel. With true catholicity of spirit he moved among them with the easy grace of a man who picked flowers from all their gardens. He most often preached the Gospel of Love. He often emphasized to the Ashram members

in his talks that however divided we may appear with regard to our individual views, nothing can break the bond of fellowship if we had that great Love in our hearts for our Master and for one another. He founded the Ashram on this great basis and all will be well with it if this supreme love is kept aflame in the hearts of its members. Here are a few sentences taken out from Periannan's Autobiography. "In a land where Hindu-Muslim bigotry and intolerance have produced tragic results, how very very careful and diligent we Christians should be to demonstrate how we His disciples love one another and are united, and also that we are not narrow—minded and intolerent fanatics but 'filled with the love of Christ.' We should seek to understand the Faiths of our countrymen with real love and sympathy in all humility. This should be the spirit in which members of christian Ashrams should approach our non-christian country men. The 'Arena of Faith' must also be the arena of Love, and the conquest of Faith must be that of the Love of Christ. Yes, that is my only hope. As I grow old I feel the truth of God's promise, 'As thy days, so shall thy strength be'. If we live a life triumphant in the ordinary daily life and prove faithful in the small things our ultimate triumph over all opposing forces will be certain and our God-given vision will be fulfilled."

"Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you His Kingdom" — that is the assurance the Lord has given.

A Hundred Indian Witness To Jesus Christ

(By Rev. P.J. Thomas, Krupa Nivas,
Perumbavoor, Kerala)

56— Isaac Abraham the guile-less, Saint.

This again is from Dr. Jesudasan's "Christ's Indian Jewels" from which the story of Vedamanickam was taken last time. Since the writing of that one we have got the sorrowful news that Periannan of Tirupathur is no more. No doubt Jesudasan must have a place in this series of one hundred Indian witness. But it has to await much more study of his life and works. This present article is meant as a sort of memorial to his love of the subject of the witness borne by Indian Christians as illustrated in his Unique Christ and Indigenus Christianity in the Indian Christian Thought series." Christ's Indian Jewels is an earlier attempt of Jesudasan to bring to light a few of the hidden saints of India. As he has said in his preface to the book-let under reference "I feel these humble saints of Christ should be widely known to our own people especially the young who often know far more about the saints of other lands than

those of their own who have contributed to the building up of the New Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ in India".

In regard to the subject of this article we do not have anything like a full biography. We do not know whether Dr. Jesudasan got the information found in books or from dependable friends or from personal knowledge", these three being the sources he has mentioned in the preface. Most probably he must have got it from friends. For one thing we are informed that the man's name was Isaac Abraham, a literal following of the old Patriarchal names in the right order. It shows the love of the Biblical names on the part of the pastor or the friends of the hero of the story. There are some other pieces of information we have here, namely that the man came from the Marava Caste one of the most down-trodden groups in the whole country. We are told that he was as a boy a cow-herd by occupation. But unfortunately we have nothing on record as to how he was brought into the fold of Christ. Dr. Jesudasan has given just one sentence on the entire subject: "In the mysterious providence of God he was led to the feet of Christ".

Then we are informed that Isaac Abraham was for many years a faithful Christian Minister in a place called Pannaivelai and "that he was held in high esteem by all people both Christian and non—Christian, by the purity of his life, utter devotion to the truth and humble unselfish service for the poor around."

There are three anecdotes which the author has furnished in the too brief account of this saintly soul, stories regarding his absolute honesty and sincerity and kindness of heart. It seems there was a court case in which some of his own parishioners were involved. As there was a likelihood of his being asked to be a witness, the people requested him to keep aloof. But Isaac Abraham's honesty would not let him do so. He actually went and bore testimony to the truth as he knew it.

One night he was travelling to one of the out-lying parishes, for the Holy Communion service with the necessary bread in his bag. There was also the money to pay his evangelists and teachers. Robbers caught hold of him and were about to deprive him of his material effects. But on closer observation they recognized that it was the saintly Isaac Abraham they had caught. So they relented and became remorseful. What the kind-hearted man did was to feed the robbers with the Communion bread and to give them some money, recognizing it was their needy situation that prompted them to rob.

The third anecdote is about a couple who was being married in his church. Strange enough, towards the end of the service it was found that there was no Thali for the bridegroom to tie round the neck of the bride, according to the Indian custom. They were so

poor. But the compassionte heart of the Pastor did not fail him. He ran into the parsonage and got the Thali of his own wife and gave it for the new couple.

This man Isaac Abraham is rightly called The Guileless Saint. He must have been an effeetive witness to the Lord Christ. May the church of today produce similar heroes and kind hearted witness for the glory of God in this country and also laymen and Christian doctors of the type of Dr. Jesudasan who has furnished the material for this life of Isaac Abraham.

Extracts from a Letter from the C.S.I. Missionary in Thailand

Rev. J. T. Paul Manickam

While we were in India there were serious thoughts and doubts among the leaders as to the continuance of the C. S. I. missionary work in Thailand through our family, considering a few points, such as the physical health and fitness of the missionary, the care and responsibility of the C. S. I. towards her missionaries and so on. While these considerations were on one side, God had revealed His will through the urgent need of our service in Thailand. This need of our service in Thailand was expressed by several leaders of the Church of Christ in Thailand and at various occasions, and I should say that their call for our family to return back to Thailand was just like the voice of the Macedonian to St. Paul: 'Come and help us'. There had been many doubts and problems with regard to our journey to Thailand, but God has planned out every thing wonderfully according to His time and wisdom. We reached in Bangkok on the 1st of April, taking only our youngest son with us, leaving 5 children in India for their schooling.

At present we are living in the same campus of the McKean Leprosy Hospital. Mrs. Manickam is entrusted with 80 girl students whose parents are leprosy patients. There are school students, but Mrs. Manickam takes care of their spiritual growth, physical needs and their whole life outside the school hours. I am teaching in the Bible school, only seven hours a week, confined to two days in a week, so that I may devote the other 5 days for my leprosy and rural evangelistic work.

The Synod Board of Missions and Evangelism of the C.S.I. has made a strong recommendation that fresh programmes should be started in new and unevangelized areas. My needs are mainly two-fold for this new project. First, a Thai worker is necessary to travel

with me and help me in various ways. I have already called a Leprosy graduate from our Bible School, Sen by name for this job, whose main duties are to travel with me to visit the leprosy churches, that we both go together to preach the Gospel in unevangelized villages, and Sen may have to make visits by himself alone sometimes in case I cannot accompay him. Sen was a convert through my meetings and he is a dedicated servant of God. I pay him a monthly salary of about Rs. 100/-. The second great need is a Jeep or a Landrover to reach the villages quicker and cheaper with our audio-visual equipments, food and camp materials, and to return home late at nights if necessary. We do not have a conveyance of our own at present, but we need one. We are praying over this matter. We hope that God will answer our prayers.

Two weeks ago on a Saturday afternoon, Sen my leper friend and myself set out on our bicycles with our necessary things for the work and the night stay. It was a hot sun but a joyful trip. We should cycle more than 20 kilometres before we reach a small leprosy group. There are only 6 leprosy families living here but 5 more families are put up within 3 k. metres, who will join these folks on a Sunday worship service. My great surprise at the first sight of the place was the conatruction of a small new church building though incomplete usable for worship services. Within the last few months while we were in India, through these poor leprosy Christians, by the generous gifts and cooperation of the Christian friends closely, and specially by the good leadership and prayer-life of Kroo Toon, the evangelist of the group, the church building has come out Thank God for all His mercies.

An evening meeting was arranged when Sen led the Bible study. All women and children were present, but the men had to watch their houses. The old petromax lamp which was quite out of order had to be lit several times and yet it went off several times also. We sang joyfully and with full of spirit. The Bible study went on alright with the help of little oil lamps. For the last one year proper pastoral care was not given, and now they have enthusiastically come forward to have Bible study once in a week, every Thursday.

The Sunday worship services began at 8-30 a.m. Sen was the leader of the service but many of the laity, even children and women partook in reading lessons and leading in extempore prayers. My theme for the sermon was: 'waiting for the Holy Spirit'. Soon after this service we both rushed to the next village, about 6 kilometres from the first place. This village is Ban Muang by name which is our evangelistic field. About 3 years ago I began to evangelize this village with a handful of leprosy believers. We repeatedly and prayerfully preached the Gospel in this village, and God gave 8 souls, and these 8 members when baptized came forward to cooperate with us to put up a prayer house. One of them gave his own land for

this. When Sen and myself went there those eight members and many children were ready for worship. One old woman was prepared by one of our Bible students and I baptized her. She is a blind woman but filled with faith in Christ. Her face had joyful shining when receiving baptism. Also, one family with 5 children were admitted as catechumen who will be baptized after preparation.

A Short Sketch of Life of Dr. S. Jesudasan F.R.C.S. (E) of Christu Kula Ashramam, Tirupathur (N.A.)

(Periannan)

In the annals of the history of Christianity in South India, the Tirunelveli district can justly be proud of having produced eminent Christians who have witnessed for Christ. The names of Pandit H. A. Krishna Pillai, Dewan Bahadur, A. S. Appaswamy Pillai, Vedamanikkam of Mylaudy, Bishop Azariah and others come in this galaxy and the late Dr. S. Jesudasan F.R.C.S. (E) of Tirupattur, Christu Kula Ashram is a glorius addition to it.

The ancestry of Dr. S. Jesudasan is a very illustrious one in that many of its members were Tamil Scholars. and pious Christians; some of their hymns are published in the Ashram song book. It is stated that in the year 1690 one of his ancestors Narasingamurthy Pillai, a Hindu Saivaite, became a Roman Catholic Christian through a Jesuit priest, and a hundred years later, Savariroya Pillai grand father of Jesudasan became a protestant.

Dr. S. Jesudasan was born on the 31st August, 1882 in Palamcottah. His father S. Savariroyan, a zealous protestant, was the Sresthadar of the district Court at Palamcottah. Needless to state that Mr. Jesudasan was brought up in a religious environment and grew up as a good student. He passed his F.A. examination in 1903 from St. John's College, Palamcottah. Though his father intended h m for the Christian ministry, young Jesudasan with an instinctive passion for the healing ministry and to serve the poor, dedicated himself for this task, and joined the Madras Medical College. After finishing his course in 1909, he sailed for the U. K. for further prosecusion of medical studies in the University of Edinburgh.

Returning to India in 1911, he took up a post in the Ceylon Medical service. In this post he was not long to stay. In 1914, the Great war broke out in Europe and there was a great dearth of medical men in England in the mission fields. He thereupon resigned his job in Ceylon and was appointed as a surgeon in the Mild May Mission Hospital, London.

It was on 15-2-1915, while working in this hospital that Dr. Jesudasan met Dr. E. F. Paton quite casually in a dinner party. Each was attracted to the other and thereafter there grew up a life of intimate partnership between them strengthened by prayer and fellowship which ultimately led to the founding of the Tirupattur Ashram. Returning to India in 1915, both the friends took charge of the Wadia United Free Church mission hospital, Poona. In 1917, with the burden of finishing the F.R.C.S. examination, Dr. Jesudasan went to England a third time. This journey was an unlucky one in that, while sailing in the Mediterranean sea, the ship he was travelling in was torpedoed off the coast of Spain. Reaching England at last after a series of exciting experiences, he worked for the F.R.C.S. and finished it in 1920.

The year 1920, was an eventful year in the lives of the "brothers". In March 1920 after several days of fasting and prayer a solemn decision was made on the lines of Mark 10-21. They decided to follow the command of Jesus literally. Paton's father, a wealthy businessman of Scotland, had left some property for his son. This together with that of Dr. Jesudasan was to be dedicated to God's work.

The venue of Christian work on ashram lines was finally decided upon. Several friends suggested several places. Sadhu Sunder Singh who met the "brothers" in England suggested Kotgarh in the Himalayas on the road to Tibet. Miss Army Carmichel suggested Nanguneri in Tirunelveli Dt. Panditha Ramabai suggested Poona. In the end the suggestion of Rev. G.E. Philips of Bangalore to start the work at Tiruppattur N. A. prevailed.

On the memorable day viz. 7-3-1921 the doctor "brothers" established the Christu Kula Ashram at Tirupattur in a small plot of land rented from the Roman Catholic Silasean brothers and began medical and Gospel work. A few months later 12 acres of land in the present site of the Ashram was purchased and regular work was begun.

Dr. S. Jesudasan worked in the ashram unceasingly with a missionary zeal for nearly 5 decades. Though there are only three permanet members at present, many hundreds of Christians have lived in the ashram for shorter periods and enriched themselves in their spiritual lives. Men may come and men may go but the principles and ideals for which the Ashram stands will last for ever and remain an asset for the Indian Church. In the middle of of 1968 Dr. Jesudasan suffered a stroke which invalided him from all active work. Though he recovered to some extent, he was moving in the ashram premises and conducted his last service on Easter Sunday. On the 17th April he took ill again and passed away peacefully at 2 a.m. on the 19th April in the presence of all the

Ashramists. After a solemn funeral service on the same evening in the Jabalayam which, he had built, he was buried in the Jabalayam compound behind the altar.

E. P. Gnanabaranam.

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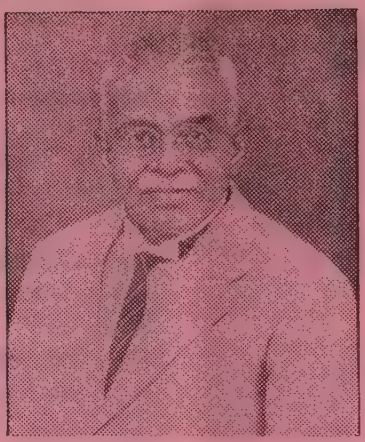

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The Call to Prayer

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The National Missionary Society of India

by Mr. A. S. Seymour, Delhi

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light". 1 Pet. 2:9.

The call comes to every member of the Church in India to remind that the Church is the servant people of God, called to follow the way of its servant Lord in serving its neighbours. It was in obedience to this call that a few consecrated souls pledged their hearts on the field and prayed for this indigenous Missionary Society in the year 1905 with the object to revive the Church in India for its outreach to places where the Good News of the Lord had not yet been heard. Accordingly, the Society was founded on an indigenous and inter-denominational basis and has carried on its work for the last 64 years. We are thankful to God that the Society has laboured throughout this period, in spite of several handicaps of funds and personnel, by establishing congregations' schools and hospitals and thereafter handing them over to the local churches. At present, the N.M.S. deploys 20 workers in eight fields spread all over the country. All the fields except on the Jawadhi Hills in the South, are established in the northern belt of the country, namely three (Pachperwa, Bageswer and Jhansi) in the Uttar Pradesh, one (Butwal) in Nepal, one in Puri (Orissa) and one in Rajasthan. The Churches in these regions are especially called upon to pray for the evangelists who are working in these remote fields in adverse circumstances but who continue to stick to their posts proclaiming the saving love of Jesus Christ.

The fruitage amongst the tribal people on the Jawadhi Hills in Tamil Nadu is an illustrious example of faith and grace in developing a small congregation, building a chapel for worship, and other religious community programmes. There are still new

openings in different places and response to such calls mainly depend on the individual prayers and earnest concern of the churches so to provide adequate resources to enable the Society to launch out in other fields which are ripe for the harvest.

It has often been observed that the Church in India has failed in its basic mission in the changed situation in the country and this fundamental problem is engaging the attention in the form of national consultations at various levels on the mission of the Church in India today. A united Church was established in South India 22 years ago and negotiations are swiftly proceeding for a united Church in North India. This is a serious concern for Christian Unity in the Church of Christ which is obligatory and and mandatory on us. Several States in the country have enacted legislation hampering the propagation of our faith and a Bill has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha to change the Constitution relating to the Fundamental Rights of a citizen. The foreign missionaries are fast disappear ing from the scene. At this juncture, the call is to every Indian Christian to reaffirm his faith, be united and spread the good news to every nook and corner of the country. Are we alive to this deep sense of urgency and challenge? Merely talking about the high sounding findings of the Church Committees or Synod will not yield results. Should not God's people involve themselves in the changing situations and unite themselves in prayer for the renewal of the Church The National Missionary Society of India offers such an united action on an inter-denominational level. We salute the early missionaries of the Society who had the far reaching vision by founding the Society for this purpose. It is the bounden duty of each Church and congregation in India to lift the burden of winning souls and fulfil His mission in our land — to which task the Society continues to strive hitherto. We earnestly solicit prayers and gifts for the work of the Society.

Be Thankful Unto the Lord.

1. For the salvation which He has provided freely to all mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord.
2. For His love in which He offered His own life in order that man may no more die in sin.
3. For establishing His Church on this earth to save every soul and be a blessing and example to the nations of this world.
4. For electing faithful servants, the missionaries who laboured hard sacrificially and opened the way to one true God by establishing the Church in India.

5. For those who had the vision and faith and established the N.M.S.
6. For providing the personnel to carry on the work of the N.M.S. in most difficult areas under trying political conditions and communal hatred.
7. For the outstanding courage and service of those who have led many to Christ during the last sixty three years in places like Jawadhi, Puri, Bharatpur , Bageswar, Butwal and Nepal.
8. For His never failing promise, "Lo, I am with you always".

LET US PRAY

Be thankful unto the Lord for the strength and inspiration which was ours during the past year in the spiritual and evangelistic outreach of the National Missionary Society of India.

Let us beseech God to empower His church in India with His Holy Spirit to do the task entrusted to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us request God to grant His Church in India the promised new birth in order that the community may have the mind and life of Jesus to witness for Him before all men.

Seek God's power, which alone can inspire the Church to accept the challenge of presenting Christ under the present political situation in our land.

Pray that the Church in India may continue to co-operate and assist in the activities of the N.M.S. to fulfil the mission of presenting Christ in the unreached places.

We pray for those missionaries, evangelists and ministers who are working on behalf of the N.M.S., under trying conditions.

Place before God all indigenous missionary bodies for gifts from above and from man to carry on the mission entrusted to them in their respective fields.

Our Almighty God and loving Father we thank thee for visiting this earth & establishing Thy Church as a channel to provide salvation to all mankind. We beseech Thee to send Thy Holy Spirit, who can make us one people of one heart, mind and soul. Grant unto Thy Church that she may grow stronger in love & service. Especially we seek Thy blessings, such as wisdom, courage & substance on the National Missionary Society of India. Help them to present Thee through their words & life.

Guide them as they lead the people to Thee for salvation. Let Thy will be done in all that is done by the N.M.S. through Jesus Christ our Lord — Amen.

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GREETINGS TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT OF INDIA

As this issue was in the press, we got the happy news that Mr. V. V. Giri was elected President of India. The National Missionary Society of India, on behalf of the Christian Community in India, congratulates him on his election to the highest office in the country.

We pray that God Almighty the ruler of the nations of the world may grant him wisdom and strength to fulfil his duties.

AMBASSADORS

Address by Mrs Lt. Commissioner Gnanaseelan Salvation Army

"We are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20.) Ambassador — What is the meaning — a Messenger — a Representative for the Sovereign. This confident assertion of the Apostle Paul is some indication of the pride he felt in his service for Christ. He made it plain that "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord", He knew exactly what were the functions of an ambassador, and was careful never to exceed them. The fact that he says "WE" are ambassadors is a clear indication that every disciple of Christ is called to this high office.

An Ambassador represents his Sovereign. He finds himself in a strange land, surrounded by a people who know not his Sovereign. He is commissioned by his Lord and Master to represent him and his country. He goes forth to his duties with Thy authority and the necessary credentials. That is exactly the task of Christ's followers. Wherever they go, they represent Jesus their King. They are His servants. They are pledged in loyalty to Him, Sometimes they may be in a strange land, and

even in a hostile setting, but they are fortified by the knowledge that they are sent forth with divine authority.

An ambassador does not speak for himself. He is commissioned to speak for His sovereign and the country he represents. "Woe is me cried Paul "If I preach not the Gospel" Christian service would change its complexion if we realised all we have to do is to speak the words God gives us. Our personal views on many subjects might alienate and antagonise men but when we remember that we do not speak for ourselves but only for Christ we are armed with a message of hope and deliverance to all who are oppressed. The ambassador's motto should always be "Not I but Christ"

An Ambessadar seeks to turn enemies into friends. Enmity and bad feeling between nations are caused by misunderstanding, and it is here the ambassador renders useful service by making plain what has been misunderstood. Christ's ambassadors seek to turn enemies of the Cross into friends for Jesus. and how gloriously many of them have succeeded. The ambassador pleads with men in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God.

The N.M.S. — Sale 9th August 1969.

I am happy to associate myself with the N.M.S., and take part in this function today of raising funds. Reading about the activities of the past 60 years, and more one could readily realise, that this Society has come to stay well-grounded by a solid and firm foundation, and built up strong and sound to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to places where His name, and His plan of Salvation have not been heard or known.

To think of the work being carried on in Nepal, and the growing calls from new States such as Punjab, Hariyana, Bihar, and Rajasthan do suggest great things, as the motto says "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God". Great things have been accomplished, more than we can comprehend.

It would seem in 1922 Sadhu Sunder Singh had made a definite proposal to start Missionary work on the border of Tibet, and in 1924 he renewed his proposal, while he did not belong to any organised Church or Society. As a friend he was deeply interested in the National Missionary Society. For such a devoted christian gentleman so far back as 1922, to take such a keen interest in the Society, one could readily realise what a wonderful work the N.M.Society has been doing. From the

Reports it is found the Lord blessed the work, and it has been growing steadily.

While I have not had very close contact with the Society I watched the great interest my late parents and friends had which was evidenced in the fact, whenever someone called on them for subscriptions how very willingly and gladly they gave of their mite. I then never expected I will ever come in such close contact with the Society.

The Society needs our whole hearted support in supplying men and money for the work to go forward. It is to be appreciated as we look back over the past 60 years and odd that it was in great faith such a Society had been commenced and proves to be a great need in the vast sub-continent of India, I pray God's richest blessings be upon all those who put forth their efforts for the extension of His Kingdom. I have great pleasure in declaring open the Sale and may it prove a great success.

A Hundred Indian Witnesses To Jesus Christ

(By Rev. P.J. Thomas, Krupa Nivas, Perumbavoor, Kerala)

59. Pandit Narayan Lakshman Harshe

This Christian witness has certain distinguishing characteristics: (1) He belonged to the Karhad Brahmin sect of Maharastra, as against the Chitpaven sect to which other Christian witnesses like Narayan Vaman Tilak, Pandita Ramabai, Baba Padmanji and Nilakanta Goreh belonged. Kahrad Brahmins seem to have been more strict and more orthodox than all others. (2) Harshe became a Christian not as a young man but as a mature elderly man with two college-going sons. (3) He was a pandit and teacher to the missionaries and also a keen student of religion and a devoted follower of the Prarthana Samaj regularly using such books as Gnaneswari the renowned Marathy commentary of the Bhagavatgita. (4) The conversion was opposed by the two sons who in their distress wrote to no less a person than Mahatma Gandhi for consolation and counsel The reply of Gandhiji is reproduced in the spiritual autobiography by Harshe with the title SOUGHT AND FOUND. After the death of the father the elder son Raghuntha Harshe and his wife accepted Christianity and published another autobiography called A DIVINE CALL. In this booklet also Gandiji's letter finds a place in exact facsimile. (5) The conversion and the

baptism of the father were opposed by Ranesahibe and Rajasahibs of Maharastra besides unsympathetic relatives. But Pandit Harshe openly proclaimed that he found peace of heart and assurance of salvation only in Christ, These are his exact words: "The living personality of Christ, His humility, His love, and His high standard of character have been the chief factors that carried me to Christ Should anyone ask what I have found in the New Testament which I have not found in Gnaneswari I would say that in contrast with the passing joy that I have found in reading the Gnaneswari the following words of Jesus Christ have given me an abiding peace and constant strength which I could not find elsewhere: Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light".

The baptism took place at Christ Church Mahableshwar on the 5th of May 1934 by Father Jack Winslow. The speeches of Fr. Winslow and Dr. Stanley Jones had their influence on the mind of the convert. There was some hesitation regarding baptism, and the advice of Fr. Winslow was "to talk over this matter of baptism with the Lord himself". The autobiography says further "One morning while praying I came to feel that I would not get complete peace of mind unless I was baptised and accordingly I spoke about this to Fr. Winslow".

We might have a look at Gandhiji's letter :—

"Dear friend,

I congratulate you all on your not in any way interfering with your father in doing what he thought was right. If you are sure that Hinduism gives you the peace you need, it is yout duty to retain it in spite of your father's change of faith" (M.K. Gandhi).

As the autobiography is the only source of information we have it is possible only to give one more interesting anecdote regarding the witness of Pandit Harshe: It is about a photograph. The only photograph the family had was an old one of some fifteen years provious to the conversion. Afterwords the sons told him plainly that he was looking younger and that he should get another photo taken. It was done and it was reproduced in the autobiography. It so happened that certain gentleman met the Pandit in Poona and exclaimed: "I must have seen your father teaching in the language school at

Mahableshuar some ten years ago. You are just like him". Harshe replied "No, my father died many years before that. It was myself you saw teaching. But since then Jesus has made me look young and has smoothed the wrinkles from my face". This is indeed a worthy and precious piece of witness for Jesus Christ".

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The Madras City Annual Sale.

As usual the annual sale was held on Saturday afternoon 9th August 1969 at Balar Kalvi Nilyam, Vepery Madras. Mrs. J.G. Abraham who was to have presided could not be present due to indisposition. Her place was taken by Mr. W. L. Masilomonie the president of the Area Committee. Mrs. Lt. Commissioner Gnanaseelan of the Salvation Army Head quarters Madras, opened the sale.

A large gathering of the friends and supporters of the Society were present and generously purchased the articles on show donated by friends.

After an introduction by the Chairman the Year's report was presented by the Secretary, Mr. D.S. Inbaraj. Mrs. Gnanaseelan gave an impressive message dealing with "every christian an ambassador for christ" in our country, presenting His mind and example to the non-christians and congratulated the Society and its workers on their. evangelistic zeal and work, especially in areas not reached by the Indian Church.

During the week preceding the sale, meetings were held at which Mr. Sanjevi the Puri Evangelist gave interesting talks about the work and its needs.

The sale was judged a success by the attendance and bright sales in every stall. Rs. 1300/- was realised from the sale only. Last year's sale brought in Rs. 9000/- including collections by a few ladies some of whose names in all fairness should be mentioned.

Mrs. J.G. Abraham whose collection generally amounts to Rs. 2200.

Dr. & Mrs. Thambiah who unfortunately this year could not collect much due to her poor eyesight.

Mrs. Dorairaj wife of the General Secretary who had toured Tanjore District and collected nearly Rs. 1000 from her friends and her garden produce in spite of delicate health.

There were side shows for the children arranged by Mr. Lionel Paul and his friends. At the end of the sale there was a film show chiefly for the children arranged by Mr. Nulraj Joseph, which was much appreciated.

The Bangalore friends and the Dhinakarams of Coonoor sent us two large baskets of vegetables which were much appreciated and for which we are thankful.

We are thankful to God for the wonderful way he led us to make the sale a success. There were about a dozen stalls exhibiting articles donated by friends and well wishers from the mofussil and business people in the city

Mrs. J.G. Abraham's visit to the United States

Mrs. J.G. Abrham one of the Vice presidents who is an ardent collector of funds for the N.M.S. could not do much this time due to her indifferent health and her preparations to go to the States. She meets friends in their houses in the city for donation and also writes to them in the mofussil for their annual contribution so much so she has a large clientele.

Now we understand she and her husband Mr. J.G. Abraham Retd. Chief Engineer will be leaving for the States this month; as such the friends who have not yet sent their Contributions are requested to send the same directly to the N.M.S. Office 102. Peter's Road, Royapettah as early as possible.

All those who know the Abrahams wish their God-speed and a happy stay with their sons in the States. We are confident that they will contact many friends in America to tell them about the Indian Church and the Evangelistic Projects carried on in the country.

FAREWELL TO MR & MRS. J.G. ABRAHAM.

Under the auspices of the City Area Committee a farewell was arranged for Mr & Mrs. J.G. Abraham who were leaving for the United States. Mr. Frank Doraiswamy presided, Mr. G. Solomon who knew Mrs. Abraham and her family intimately spoke of the valuable services rendered by her to the N.M.S. even from her childhood and pointed out the family background of the guests which influenced their activities and thanked Mr & Mrs. Abraham for all their services to the N.M.S.

Mrs. Abraham promised to do some propaganda work about the Indian Church and the missionary activity of the N.M.S. among the Indians in the United States and get their sympathy and support.

The General Secretary Rev. K.G.S. Dorairaj also joined in expressing his gratitude and that of his friends and wished the Abrahams God speed and assured them of their prayers.

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Mrs. D J. Samuel, Dharwar	10	00
Mrs. Mabel Kaunds	10	00
Mrs. K. S. Solomon	5	00
Miss. Betsy Mabel	5	00
Dr. Rutgers	25	00
Sr. H Wind Miller	10	00
Rev. S. P. Soans	3	00
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Rev. G. K. Kuri	2	00
Mr. J. D. Biramur	5	00
Collection in Bijapur	5	50
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Mrs. Lucy Weltha	5	00
Mrs. Sanjivi Weltha	10	00
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Miss. Sheela Watsa	5	00
Mr. A T. Alfred	10	00
Mrs. R. S. Ananda	10	00
Miss. M. Stephen	12	00
Mrs. Josephine Salins	2	00
Mrs. Melita Salins	5	00
Miss. R. Janatha	3	00
Mr. G. W. Karkada	5	00
Mr. M. C. Maben	5	00
Dr. K.C. Chatko, Bangalore	100	00
Mr. David, Bangalore	62	00
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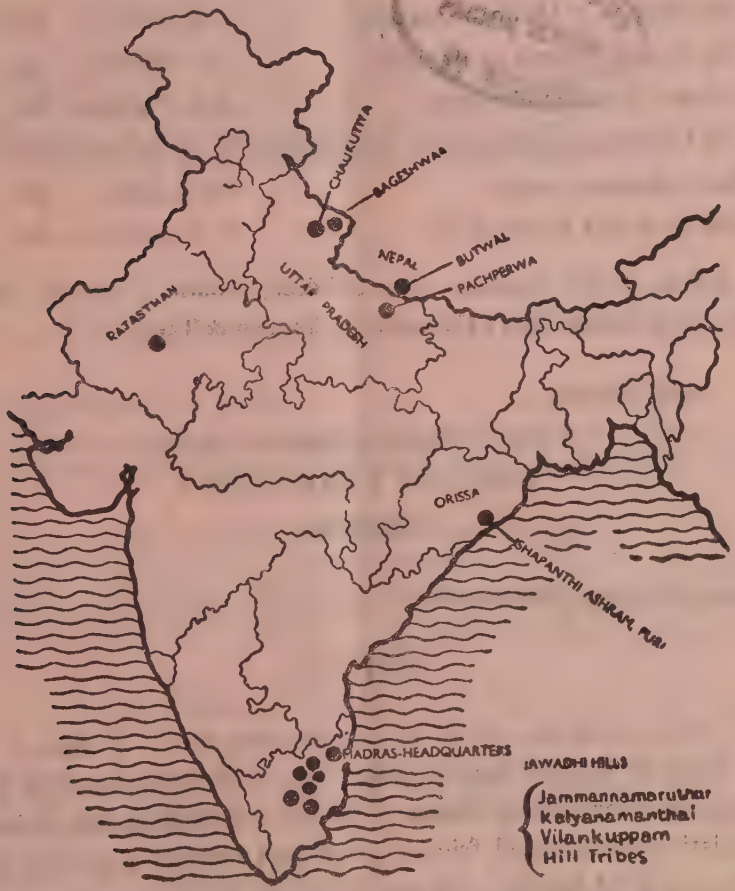

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OBITUARY

We regret to report of the passing away of Mr. A. T. Roberts of Madras aged 84 years dearly loved husband of Mrs. Roberts after a brief illness. He was a loving father, faithful christian and a good friend. God had blessed him with long life and good health. He was active till the end. The N.M.S. conveys its deep sympathy to Mrs. Roberts and the members of the bereaved family.

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PRAYER

O Lord, WE THANK THEE for the redeeming power
of the unceasing intercession
And for the stream of love which is ever flowing
from Thy throne of grace.
Help us to remember Thy prayers for us
in our time of temptation or need.
Help us to pray with Thee for the needs of all men,
lifting them into Thy presence
So that Thy grace may meet their every need.
For Thou art the Lover and Saviour of all.

—Amen.

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AN APPEAL FOR THE N.M.S. DAY OF PRAYER

Dear partners in the gospel,

Greetings to you, on behalf of the Society in the name of our Lord, who called us for a common task of preaching the gospel.

On behalf of the Society I am sending this appeal for the week of prayer and the day of prayer which comes off on the 12th of October, 1969. We are happy and thankful to God for His guidance and help in the past years in the life of the society and we are grateful to you for your kind co-operation and help.

We are very glad to report that there has been progress in the work in various fields, and there are demands for opening new centres in the states like Punjab, Haryana, Bihar and Rajasthan. As such with your prayers and support the society is under obligation to take up the new challenge. So this N.M.S. day of prayer is observed for uniting all the Christian bodies in our country in prayer on this particular day. The matter in the prayer call will reveal the society's concern for the churches in this country. So we request you, on behalf of the society, to kindly observe and direct the congregations to observe the N.M.S. day of prayer. So, thanksgiving and

prayer are for the extension of the gospel in this land on a particular day can be taken to our Lord on the 12th of October, 1969.

Secondly, gospel work also needs financial support. The N.M.S. depends on the local Indian Christian society and churches for its financial resources. If it is not possible for the churches to contribute this Sunday collection because of various commitments, the challenge of presenting in India the gospel can be placed before them and an appeal made for special gifts, which may be kindly collected and sent to the office. This would be a great help to open new centres to preach the gospel, on behalf of you and the people who had no opportunity to hear the gospel.

Thirdly, the N.M.S. needs workers. Please pray for the supply of workers. So as everybody knows that much depends on prayer. So this appeal comes to you for your prayers first, and then for your co-operation and help in the extension of the gospel.

With prayers.

Your colleague in His service,
Sd. K.G.S. DORAIRAJ.
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Devotional:

GOD'S PLAN

Glenn Clark

To use this plan most effectively, read the words slowly, letting them sink deep into your sub-conscious mind. Repeat favourite passages as prayers. Remind yourself that through God there is a solution to every problem, personal, national or international.)

God has a plan for me. It is hidden within me, just as the oak is hidden within the acorn, or the rose within the bud. As I yield myself more fully to God, His Plan expresses itself more perfectly through me. I can tell when I am in tune with it, for then my mind and heart are filled with a deep inner peace. This peace fills me with a sense of security, with joy, and a desire to take steps that are a part of the Plan.

God's Plan for me is a perfect part of a larger Plan. It is designed for the good of all and not for me alone. It is a many-sided Plan and reaches out through all the people I meet. All the events and people who come into my life are instruments for the unfolding of this Plan.

God has chosen those people He wants me to know, to love and to serve. We are continually being drawn to one another in ways that are not coincidental. I pray that I may become a better instrument to love and to serve and that I may become more worthy to receive the love and service of others.

I ask the Father within me for only those things which He wants me to have. I know that these benefits will come to me at the right time and in the right way. This inner knowing frees my mind and heart from all fear, greed, jealousy, anger and resentment. It gives me courage and faith to do those things which I feel are mine to do. I no longer look with envy at what others are receiving, nor do I compare myself with them. Therefore, I do not cut myself off from God, the giver of all good things.

God's gifts to me can be many times greater than I am now receiving. I pray that I may increase my capacity to give, for I can give only as I receive, and receive only as I give.

I believe that when I cannot do those things I desire to do, it is because God has closed one door only to leave ajar a better and a larger door. If I do not see that door just ahead, it is because I have not seen, heard or obeyed God's guidance. It is then that God uses the trouble or seeming failure which may result to help me face myself, and see the new opportunity before me.

The real purpose of my life is to find God within my own mind and heart, and to help my fellowmen. I thank my Father for each experience which helps me to surrender myself to His will. For only as I lose myself in the consciousness of His great presence, can His Plan for my life be fulfilled.

A Short Report of the N.M.S. Branch, Trivandrum for the year 1968

It is a privilege to submit a brief report showing the various activities of the branch.

Let us thank God for all His manifold blessings and guidance during the year.

As the members are aware, the N.M.S. is an All India indigenous and interdenominational organisation which carries on its work in co-operation with the Churches and in areas unreached by the Indian Church with the object.

(1) To undertake evangelistic work in India and neighbouring countries in consultation with the Churches and Missionary bodies concerned.

(2) To stimulate evangelistic and missionary zeal in the Churches with the view that every Christian may be an active witness to Christ.

For this great task, devoted men and money are required.

As a part of the parent society, this branch from the inception has been extending financial support regularly to the maximum extent possible. For the last seven years, the local branch has been partially supporting one of the evangelists working in the Jawadhi Hills. But from June 1968 onwards, we are paying him the full salary of Rs. 150 per month. Coupled with this project, the branch is meeting half the salary plus conveyance charges amounting to Rs 40 per month of the Catechist in the newly formed parish of Kachani (near Nettayam.) We are also doing some evangelistic work in and around the coastal area of Trivandrum.

The financial campaign and sale this year has been very satisfactory on account of the full co-operation, advice and prayers of many devoted friends of the local Churches.

The annual public meeting and Sale were held on Saturday 12th October 1968 at the Y. W. C. A. Hall, Trivandrum, Dr. Susan George, Supdt. S.A.T. Hospital, Trivandrum, presided at the meeting and declared open the sale. Rev. D. Elias, missionary, N.M.S. at Jawadhi Hills addressed on the occasion. The meeting was well attended.

Today the N.M.S. has an important role to play in India and particularly in Kerala. It must complement the work of the Church as its evangelical wing.

May God grant us the vision and the grace necessary to respond to this call.

I. Paul,

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NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

KALYANAMANTHAI :—Thank God that He has enabled me to carry on the daily work without any trouble. The Day School work is progressing. Nine children were admitted in the 4th class in the school in Jamamarathur, The small congregation is improving day by day in faith. We read the Bible and pray with them. Our object is that they grow in their faith in the Lord day by day. Kindly pray for the converts and for the workers.

Sd/-Aruldas.

GUNDALATHUR :—God's work is going on regularly. Day and night schools are conducted. Children are taught biblical stories and songs. I visited six villages with the gospel message. In 1968—'69 some friends from Nagercoil visited the villages. It was a great encouragement to us.

Sd/ - Rajian.

BAGESHWAR :—Praise the Lord for His mercy and help in my work. I continued my visit to the villages and around the town as usual. I met some new people in the villages who wanted to know about Jesus Christ. But some of them tried to criticise the preaching. After a long discussion I could give some satisfaction to those people.

I distributed tracts in two small melas held here. Wherever I go, I meet non-christian friends who discuss christian

principles and I give Bible quotations. This is my daily routine work as I think it is very necessary. I am carrying on my evangelistic work in spite of growing opposition I never lose courage. I feel His mighty hand guiding us.

Our work may be remembered in your prayers.

Sd/-B. Singh.

BUTWAL :—I had been Praying for a co-worker to go here and there conducting meetings and to see people. Sometimes I have to go far in the evenings. If I have somebody to help me it would be good.

By the grace of God we are doing fine. Our work also is progressing. The Lord has increased our burden for the perishing souls. In the evenings we go house visiting. We take the cycle and keep our children on it and walk. People are interested to hear us sing and pray. They ask us to "Come again". Please do remember our work in you prayers, so that through it some souls may come to Him. Recently we have started a Bible class in our house. Last Saturday there were eight people for the class. Every Saturday from 2 P. M. to 3.30 P.M. the class is held.

In Gorakhpur also we have a good chance to witness for Him. Every thing is very costly here comparing to Gorakhpur and Lucknow. Rent is too high here now. We have been thinking of getting another house but we do not know what to do. In this place we have only one long room and a small kitchen.

Please do remember us in your daily prayers, so that the Lord may increase our burden and bring many souls to Him from a land like this. Thank you, for we know that you have been praying for us.

Yours in His service,

Sd/—V. T. Abraham.

JAMNAMARATHUR :—During the last month there were two main events happened through which I could learn the lesson of serving. Others as our Master did.

A widow named Unnamalai from a near by village Komultare used to come to our home for treatment. One day when I visited that village I met her in a desolated house. I came to know that there was nobody to help her to rethatch her roof. God spoke to my heart to help her. So I contacted the villagers for their help but they refused. Next day I went alone and tried to remove the old roof. Seeing this some people came

forward to help me and with their help we could complete the work with in a day. This made the people to know about the love of Christ and I presented to them also about His love.

Recently a small brass vessel was stolen from the veranda of our house. Though I didn't report to the police the matter came to them and they found out the vessel and arrested the man who took the vessel. When I came to know the news, I went and released him without any penalty, I talked to him and his parents about the love of God. The man who took the vessel, confessed his fault and decided to accept Christ, Now he is reading the word of God and coming for services. We thank God for helping five tribal people to attend the service at Jamnamarathur. I request you all to pray for Annamalai, Gopal, and Krishnan.

A group of five members from Kanyakumari visited us and spent three days with us. They visited 7 villages including Kalyanamanthai and Gundalathur. Mr. Bailis who is working in Aden brought a Tape recorder for Rs. 600/-which is so useful for the Lord's ministry here. We thank God for providing our needs through his children.

Sd/- D. Elias

PURI

We are glad to report that the General Secretary during his visit to Puri-Orissa, baptised 27 adults in the Isabanthi Ashram by immersion on 7-9-'69. The detailed report will appear in the next issue.,

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A Hundred Indian Witnesses To Jesus Christ

(By Rev. P. J. Thomas, Kirupa Nivas, Perumbavoor, Kerala)

60. Jnana Ranjan Banerjea

For the next few studies I am almost entirely dependent on the information available in Rev. Dr. C.E. Abraham's work on the founders of the N.M.S. I take the liberty to make whole paragraphs from the said book with the hope that the N.M.S. the custodians of the copy-right of the book will be only too happy that I do it for their monthly Journal. I, on my part am thankful to the N.M.S. and the Rev. Abraham for this source at hand's reach.

The hero of our story, the youngest child and only son of Rev. Prasanna Kumar Banerjea of the United Free Church of Scotland, Bengal, was born at Shenatgiri of the Hoogli District on the 27th February, 1869. A student of great promise Jnana Ranjan passed the entrance examination of the Calcutta University at the age of thirteen securing a scholarship. Passing on to Duff College he passed the First Arts securing a high place on the list and winning the Duff Scholarship in open competition. He then secured the B.A. Degree with double first class. Though entitled for the Ishan Scholarship he did not get it because he happened to be a Christian. He then took the M.A. in Mental and Moral Philosephy and stood first in the first class and secured the University Gold Medal He also took the B.L. Degree at the same time.

The Duff college to which he offered his services at the start did not give him satisfactory remuneration and so he sought and accepted work in the Vidya Sagar College then known as Metropolitan Institute. There he spent forty years working his way to be Vice-principal and then Principal. It was unprecedented in the history of Bengal that a Christian was Principal of a Hindu College. But he ever bore testimony to his Lord and Master Jesus Christ and always took an active part in evangelistic work.

In the early days when Sunday preaching was held for non-Christians, J.R. Banerjea always took his stand along with Kali Charan Banerjea and others. On one occasion the crowd began pelting stones at the Christian preachers and J.R.B. was hurt. But this did not prevent him from carrying on his witnessing to his Master Sunday after Sunday. A fearless preacher, he presented the gospel straight to the heart of the audience. His faith was like that of a child. It was said of him that when describing the vision of Patmos he did it so vividly and realistically that it seemed as though he was present there himself.

After retiring from Vidyasagar College, Banerjea served as rector of Ripon College for a number of years He died on the 6th of September, 1938, after a short illness. Hindu students shouldered his bier and thousands followed it carrying wreathes of flowers. The whole Senate and syndicate of Calcutta University paid their last respects to him, as also numerous women students. His life teaches us how love and respect can be won without sacrifice of principle."

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Sale Account of 1969		
Total receipts up to 31-8-'69	7020	00
Expenses	993	20
	6026	80

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR INDIA

A Call To Prayer

Theme : "Integration"

To be observed on the First Sunday in Advent Novr. 30, 1969.*

Over the years the Government, the leaders of the country and several voluntary agencies have been endeavouring to knit the citizens of our country into one people and one nation. These efforts have not brought forth much fruit. We are getting divided into more groups and rival camps. The social and economic gulfs continue to widen. Casteism, communalism, linguistic regionalism, political provincialism and social parochialism continue to sap the life of the country. The thirst for power of some widens further the already yawning gaps and also creates new rifts and breaches among the people. These deteriorating trends towards disintegration surely are the reflection of the inner conflict in man. The Gandhi Centenary has driven the nation to a grim self-understanding of itself and has helped us to be acutely conscious of the tragic lack of harmony in the country and the urgent need of undergirding our people at all levels with bonds of loyalty, trust, good-will and patriotic dedication.

The evils of disharmony have not spared the church where groupism, casteism, power politics and vested interests have been eating at the core of its solidarity, weakening its witness and stifling its ministry of reconciliation. The situation demands that the faithful join in asking forgiveness for their pride and wilfulness and pray to Almighty God that differences and strifes that tear apart the political social and religious communities in the country may be resolved in understanding and concord to pave the way for harmony and integration.

Invocation: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a convenant with me by sacrifice.
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

N. M. S. BOMBAY BRANCH

Extracts from 21st Annual Report (1968—69)

Branch Activities : The activities are spread over 5 different areas. The total amount collected last year by Volunteers (who go from house to house to receive the contributions or contact their colleagues in offices or workshops) amounted to Rs. 2307-18. The Fellowship Prayer Meetings were arranged at 13 Centres and Gospel Messages were given at these Meetings. Once in a month the Volunteers gather together at 2 places in turns for a time of Prayer and Preparation.

On 1st October, a Social Gathering of the Volunteers of the Branch, together with their family members, was held. The day's programme included Music, Bible Quiz, Sports for Children, etc. The N.M S. Gospel Team from Madras enlivened the programme by their presence actively taking part in it. The Gen. Secretary distributed the prizes.

N.M.S. Sunday : Copies of Prayer Call in Kannada, Tamil and English were distributed in the Churches as usual. Observance of NMS Day of Prayer was spread over different Sundays of the month of October, according to the convenience of the Churches concerned. Prayer Unions and Sunday Schools, to a large extent, responded to the Prayer Call. Offerings were either sent direct to the Headquaters or through our Branches.

N.M.S. Gospel Team: A Gospel Team comprising of: Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj (General Secretary), Dr. Rev. A. C. Abraham (Asstt. Gen. Secy.) and Mr. P. J. Anantaraj, paid a visit to Bombay and during their 4 days' stay they went through a busy programme. They had the privilege of speaking at a United Service at the Robinson Memorial Church. They also spoke at the Hume memorial High School to the students and to the staff, separately, and at a Get-to-gether function at the U.B.M. Vikhroli Prayer Hall. Arrangements were also made for them to speak at 10 Church services on Sunday. Apart from this, the Gospel Team could meet some of the Pastors incharge of the Bombay Churches and place before them the importance of the Society's Gospel work. In this connection, we wish to thank all who kindly complied with our request and extended their hearty cooperation in fulfilling the Gospel Team's programme.

Church & N.M.S. : It is important to bear in mind that the N.M.S. exists as an arm of the Churches to fulfill the command

of our Lord. The progress of the gospel work is, to a large extent, dependent on the co-operation and prayer support rendered by the Churches. Some years ago Dr. Jacob Chamberlain of the American Arcot Mission wrote the following lines regarding the N.M.S. work: "For a quarter of a century, I have been praying for this very movement. I am heart and soul in favour of it.....May this great land with its myraids of people be won not for Presbyterianism not for independency, not for episcopacy, not for Methodism, but for Christ and in His Way."

Missionary Aid Fund & Its Purpose: A desire for a new project was born among the volunteers about 5 years ago. With the purpose of maintenance of a worker in a new field preferably in Karnatak Area, a special collection drive was started. When the funds welled well over Rs. 2000/- last year, it was named "Missionary Aid Fund." Upto the end of last year 44 responded to our request and there had been a reasonably regular flow of contributions and the funds stood at Rs. 2431/89 as on 31-3-1969. To maintain a worker a monthly receipt of Rs. 160/- is necessary. May God inspire His Children to come forward and lend their support to this project both in money and prayers.

Christmas Gifts: Last year, we are able to send a slightly bigger amount of Rs. 130/- as a Christmas Gift to the poor children of Jawadi Hills, one of the N.M.S. Centres. We appreciate the generous contributions handed over to us for this purpose both by the children and the adults, and offer thanks to them. This is inclusive of a generous contribution from the Methodist Kanarese Church Sunday School.

Conclusion: Before closing, we wish to thank all our friends, well-wishers, Pastors, Volunteers of the Branch, for their co-operation. Our thanks are also due to Mr. S. J. Bangera for having kindly taken the trouble of translating the Prayer Call into Kannada; Mr. A. O. Kunder who kindly audited our accounts; and the Presbyteries of OBM churches Vikhroli, Kurla and Chembur for making available the respective Prayer Halls. We also express our grateful thanks to all who helped the cause of the Society, both by way of contribution and prayers. Special mention must be made of Mr. J. Amoda to whom we are indebted for his advice, from time to time.

J. P. Ashwal

(Hon. Secretary)

A HUNDRED INDIAN WITNESSES TO JESUS CHRIST

(By Rev. P. J. Thomas, Krupa Nivas, Perumbavoor, Kerala.)

63, Bishop Chitambar of the Methodist Church

In the case of this witness there is the full-fledged biography by a brother bishop, a foreigner, Bishop Badley, entitled "*The making of a Bishop*." But this present writer has to content himself with the account given in the Founders of the National Missionary Society by Rev. Dr. C. E. Abraham who seems to have made sufficient use of the larger work. At any rate there one finds all that is needed to produce a picture of the man as a witness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Further the present writer has the pleasant memory of meeting the Bishop and being his interpeter as early as 1931 and of meeting and having some correspondence with Mrs. Chitambar as late as 1964 in connection with the N.M.S. The influence of the illustrious husband was evident in the widow even after the lapse of so many years!

The subject of this study had as the field of his witness for Jesus Christ a far—flung area. It covered a large part of the world. The first national bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Asia, known as the out-standing leader of the Methodist Church for a generation, Jashwant Chitambar was by birth a Maharatta. His father a Maharatta Brahmin convert was Pastor in Allahabad when he was born. Born in 1879, Jashwant had his education in Lucknow. In his seventeenth year he heard the divine call to give his life for the cause of the Gospel. Here is his own testimony to that experience: "The year 1896 will ever remain memorable in my life, for it was then that I received a difinite call to preach the Gospel, and after prayerful consideration obeyed it." On February 1,1896 he with several others signed the 'Declaration' because he heard the Saviour plainly say to him, "I gave my life for thee, what hast thou given for me", and his ready reponse was "Here Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do."

He had his training in the Theological Seminary at Bareilly. He worked as Pastor in Naini Tal and Lucknow. He worked as Missionary Superintendent and as educationist. He also acted as General Secretary of the Epworth League and as Secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia.

In 1905 he was one of the participants (perhaps the youngest) of the fellowship which laid the foundution of the N.M.S. at Serampore.

In the field of education he served as the first Indian Principal of the Lucknow Christian College till 1930 when he was called to serve in a wider field as the resident bishop of the newly-formed Diocese of Jubbalpore. As Bishop he was privileged to have oppotunities for contact with the people of his own church and other churches in various parts of India and outside. It was as an evangelist and a preacher of the Good News of Christ that the doors were wide open to him. In 1931 he was one of the speakers at the renowned Maramon Convention of the Syrian Church of Kerala. Bishop Chitambar was equally welcome at the Sialkot convention in the Punjab. Everywhere people realized what Bishop Mondol testified about him: "He never shone so brightly as in the Pulpit."

His field of witness still extended farther to such places as the United States of America, Canada, Denmark and the Scandinavian States. Everywhere he presented himself as the Indian Ambassador of the Gospel. writer and as the translator of several English Hymns into Hindustani. Bishop Badley remarks: "Perhaps Bishop Chitambar will be recalled to mind oftner by the hymns he translated than in any other way. Among them are: "It is the blessed hour of prayer"; "Lord we come before Thee now"; "At the cross, at the cross" "Lovingly tenderly Jesus is calling" "Let Jesus come into your heart"; Mercy is boundless and free."

The good Bishop was called to his heavenly reward and higher service at the comparatively early age of 61 in the year 1940. We can thank god for what he was and what he did by recalling these words of the biographer; "At all times the most impressive thing about him was his main object: The power and beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ, in his life and service. He nobly demonstrated the great motto of his life-that in all things He might have the preeminence". Yet one more testimony and that is from the pen of Dr. M. T. Titus: "Love for India, love for God, love for friends, evangelistic zeal and love for the work of bringing India to Christ—that is the picture of Jashwant Chitambar that will abide with me".

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Revived in Lucknow

At an Ad Hoc Committee under the chairmanship of Miss M. M. Singh, when about 40 ladies of the Lucknow City were invited and about 30 attended the Women's Auxiliary which

existed in Lucknow and was defunct was revived and the following members of the Executive Committee were appointed and the ladies are now working and making plans to raise money.

Members of the Ex. Committee:

President	:	Mrs. A. Chatterji,
Vice-Presidents	:	Mrs. Charles, and Miss. P. Lal,
Secretary	:	Mrs. V. H. Khan,
Associate Secy.	:	Miss. V. Dhar,
Treasurer	:	Mrs. P. Wilson.

The Ladies Auxiliary is trying to enlist as many members as possible and will be having a fete in the second week of October to raise money.

Mrs. V. H. KHAN,
C/o Mr. A. H. KHAN,
Hony. Secy. N.M.S.

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REPORT OF N.M.S. BRANCH AND ITS ACTIVITIES IN PURI

January to August 1969

The work has greatly improved during the period in preaching the word of God to the people At the Tribani festival members of the branch and sisters of the Oriya Baptist church took part, sold books worth Rs 50/- and distributed 500 tracts.

At Jagar Yatra festival the members took part and distributed tracts. At an opportune time discussions were held with non-christians. At Chandan Jatra, Rath Jatra to which many people from different parts of the country came, the members of the N.M.S. and Oriya Baptist church took part and sold religious books. The Salvation Army also co-operated with us.

The library is well attended and non-christian brothers have discussions with Rev. Pratap Senapathy on religious matters. Some of the frequent visitors to the library are,

1. Semalananda Saraswati, a Bengali by caste now residing in Puri. A copy of the Bible in Bengali was given to him.
2. Maguri Gochhayat a student anxious to know the truth.

3. Narasingh Sadangi a student of 3rd B.Com. studies New Testament. Attends Oriya Baptist church.

4. A. N. Sathapathy a P.U.C. Student.

Rev. Pratap Senabathy has contacted the following.

(1) The Sub-Postmaster of Pentakotta who studies the Bible.

(2) Gokulananda Naik a school teacher.

(3) Balabhadra Das who has become a believer after the death of his son.

(4) Bharat Nayak a scheduled caste man.

(5) Md. Kalimula a Muslim.

Some have taken books from the library.

May the Lord bless all our efforts to proclaim His name in this temple City.

GANDHIJI'S CENTENARY MESSAGE

Gandhi's prescription for Christians is well worth pondering over. In September 1947, soon after India achieved independence, Gandhiji wrote in the HARIJAN.

In a well-ordered society, there should be no missionary. Why should Indian Christians not feel that they are of the forty crores, but not a mere handful in the forty crores? Whatever their religion, all born in India and proud of their birth are equal in the eye of law. On the strength of merit, i. e., intellectual honesty, self/sacrifice, courage and incorruptibility, a christian can be a chief-minister without exhibiting greater merit than a Hindu or Muslim.....I ask my Christian brethern also not to take their Christianity as it is interpreted in the West ...I hope that the Christians of India would express in their lives Jesus—the Crucified of the Bible, and not as interpreted in the West.....

GOD WORKS DESPITE, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

Puri in Orissa State :

Orissa is the first state in India to pass an Act under misnomer "Religious Freedom Act" prohibiting conversion from one religion to another, under threat of rigours imprisonment and heavy fine.

In that state the most important Hindu religious centre is PURI having the famous Jaganath temple which dates back to 2nd Century A. D. It is the most important centre for the Hindus of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa in particular and rest of India in general. It is said that once human sacrifices were offered to the deity. It has 3000 priests, for Puri is the Head quarters of the controversial Sankracharia. No one can minimise the influence of this shrine, because its influence is felt even in London, by a smilar mini car festival (Neba Kalabar) during this year.

In this place there is a little Baptist congregation of 100 Christians, about 50% of them came from other places for jobs.

The N.M.S. and Puri :

The Late Rev. B. C. Sircar, the retired secretary of the National Y.M.C A. had an ashram on a piece of lease land from Puri municipality for doing Evangelistic work and made an endowment of Rs. 5000/- in Government 3% loan certificate. After his death the Y.M.C.A. gave it to the N.M.S. for doing Evangelistic work in 1957.

Mr. Sam John (Ex-Military auditor) and his wife took charge of the Ashram as Honorary N.M.S. workers and also became the secretary for Kushta Sahacharya Samithi (Leprosy Eradication League). Their sincere work led to the conversion of the following.

1. Mr. & Mrs. K. Koteswara Rao (Telugu)
2. Siddhu Biswal (Orissa)
3. Anil Kumar Dhar (Bengal)

N.M S. started unrecognised schools in Nolia Sahi (Oriya speaking fishermen colony) and in Pentakota (Telugu fisherman colony, to cater to the educational and spiritual needs of the fishermen colonies. Mr. K. Koteswara Rao was in charge of the Pentakota school and as a result of his labour, two more souls were won for Christ. Then Mr & Mrs. Sam John left for Assam.

Rev. K. John Subha Rao took charge of the Ashram. The Ashramites conducted open air preachings, social service (Through Kushta Sahacharya Samithi) Sunday Service and running library in the town. Rev. Subha Rao left in 1967 to his mother Church.

Mr. K. Koteswara Rao was in charge of the Ashram from 1967 and his wife started cottage prayer and woman's meetings The regularity of visits and sincerity of work led to win the confidence of the fisher people, who were led to Christ.

In 1967 Mr. Paul Sanjeevi (Now known as Sadhu Bavah) and Rev. Pratap, a retired pastor of Oriya Baptist Church joined Mr. & Mrs. Koteswara Rao. Rev. Pratap Senapathi was doing library work and Sadhu helped Mr. Koteswara Rao in evangelistic work.

The School at Pentacottah developed well to have two teachers with 120 children packed in a shed. This has produced Erwyyah, a boy of strong faith. His account is already published in the N. M. I.

The patient labour of these Ashramites led about 30 people to Christ, who were ready to face any persecution to accept Christ openly by Baptism.

As per policy of the N.M.S., the General Secretary approched the local Church people to baptise and to receive these people into the Church. But they were hesitant because of the religious freedom act and because they were Telugu people, having settled there for their trade.

In the meantime about 3 were taken away by the Pentecostalists. They were waiting impatiently for 18 months. It had come to a stage where either the N.M.S. must act or lose the group.

So the General Secretary after having had consultation with the local Church Executive Committee and with their consent baptised 27 adults as per Baptist order on 7-9-'69. We were very sorry that none of the local Christians were present. We were happy for the presence of Rev. & Mrs. Outlawy. This is the proof that God acts today inspite of human opposition and also the N.M.S. is the servant of the Church. When Church cannot act because of extraneous situation, N. M. S. steps to fulfil the mission of God in this land

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DETAILS OF CONVERTS BAPTISED AT ISHAPANTHI ASHRAM, N. M. S. (PURI) ORISSA

	NAME & SURNAME	
1.	Stephen	K. Chinna Appa Rao.
2.	Santhoshamma	Kondamma.
3.	Elias	M. Plisu.
4.	Navarathanamma	Ammaji.
5.	Kripamma	V. Ramulamma.
6.	Zacharia	V. Nallaiah.
7.	Samadanamma	Kasilamma.

8.	Samuel	V. Konda.
9.	Pushpamma	Appala Narasamma.
10.	James	K. Chinna Appo Rao.
11.	Santhamma	Nagaymma.
12.	Luke Raj	Arjilli Nookeraju.
13.	Vajramma	Bandamma
14.	Aharon	V. Konda
15.	Vasanthamma	———
16.	Moses	D Rama Rao.
17.	Mariamma	Kondamma.
18.	Annamma	R. Chellayamma.
19.	Rith	D. Appayamma.
20.	Corneliyu	D. Konda.
21.	Esther	Ch. Appala Narasamma.
22.	Mathias	M. Pydaiat
23.	Yessamma	K. Korlamma.
24.	Nagomi	P. Nallamma.

NOLIASAHI AREA

25.	Savarthamma	G. Nanamma.
26.	Sarah	K. Kannamma.
27.	Rahelu	Seethamma.

Because of the local situation out of these 27 adults who were baptised, about 24 in number with those who have already baptised have to form into a Telugu congregation. We have sought the help of Rev. N. A. Outlaw to help and guide our evangelist to help these little ones in faith to grow in grace in the fellowship with Lord.

Hence the need arises for a church building and also for the communion vessels (Tray with individual cup) as per baptist tradition. We humbly request the friends to pray that the small group may grow in grace and in number to be a challenge to the rest in presenting Christ in their life.

Sd/- K. G. S. DORAIRAJ,

General Secretary.

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MONTHLY REPORT—JAWADHI

I thank God for helping me to visit more than 15 villages during this month and preach the Gospel. I visited all the N.M.S. centres in Jawadhi and had the opportunity to preach the Gospel along with the workers. On the 20th we had the Camp at Kalyanamanthai and visited three villages. All the workers came to the Camp.

I happened to visit one of our tribal boy's home who is studying at Salem. His father gave me a good report about him. He was real witness at home for the Lord. He rufused to take part in the idol worship and told them about Christ and His love to his parents. His name is Ponnusamy and he is studying in IX Std.

The Lord is so faithful to meet the needs of the boys who are studying in Salem. Every month we spend more than Rs. 120/- for three students for their Mess and personal expenses. The Lord has strengthened our faith by providing their needs in time. This month also I received a M. O. Rs. 50/- from an unknown friend who has the burden in this work. I request you all to pray for these boys that the Lord may prepare them to be a real witness among their own people.

Yours in His Service,
Sd. D. ELIAS.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM BAGESWAR

Praise the Lord for His mercy and guidance during the month.

I continued my visits around the villages as my daily routine work. I contacted some new non-christian friends to whom I gave tracts and talked about for Lord. In the town too I discussed about our Lord and His principles, without these we need him in our daily life no peace in the world can be had. I distributed 200 tracts. Lord's message is also being conveyed by the wayside pulpit to many passer by to read it.

I am glad to mention that the suprintendent Methodist Church Almora Rev C. T. Richards has visited this centre. His visit has given a great inspiration and courage in our work. The District evangelist Miss. B. Sarwalia has also visited this centre too, conducted the W.S.C.S. meeting which held in our residence. I am glad to mention that the Methodist church takes a keen interest in our N.M.S. work here and I am thankful for the authorities concerned to render their help from time to time and I don't get such chance to feel myself as a stepson. This centre may always kindy be remembered in your prayer.

BACHAI SINGH

OBITUARY

We regret to learn of the passing away of Rev. Professor Jacob Kumaresan in Germany, where he had gone for further studies in theology. He was an erudite scholar, a good preacher,

and a zealous christian. He was a member of the Executive and Standing Committies of the N.M.S. representing the Rewa Mission. His advice was very timely and useful in various committees. The Lutheran Church and theological Seminary Gurukal, in Kilpauk, Madras has lost a leader and professor in the death of Prof. Kumerasan. Our deep sympathies to his father Rev. J. D. Asirvatham and members of the family.

We regret very much to inform that Mrs Balasingham Satya, wife of Late Mr. Balasingham Satya, one of the very senior member of the N.M.S. passed away on 15th October 1969 She was one of the oldest of the Ladies Auxilary in Madras and took active intrest in the N.M.S. sale and its activities. We pray that God may grant the grieved famuly consolation and His strength to bear the loss.

ERRATA

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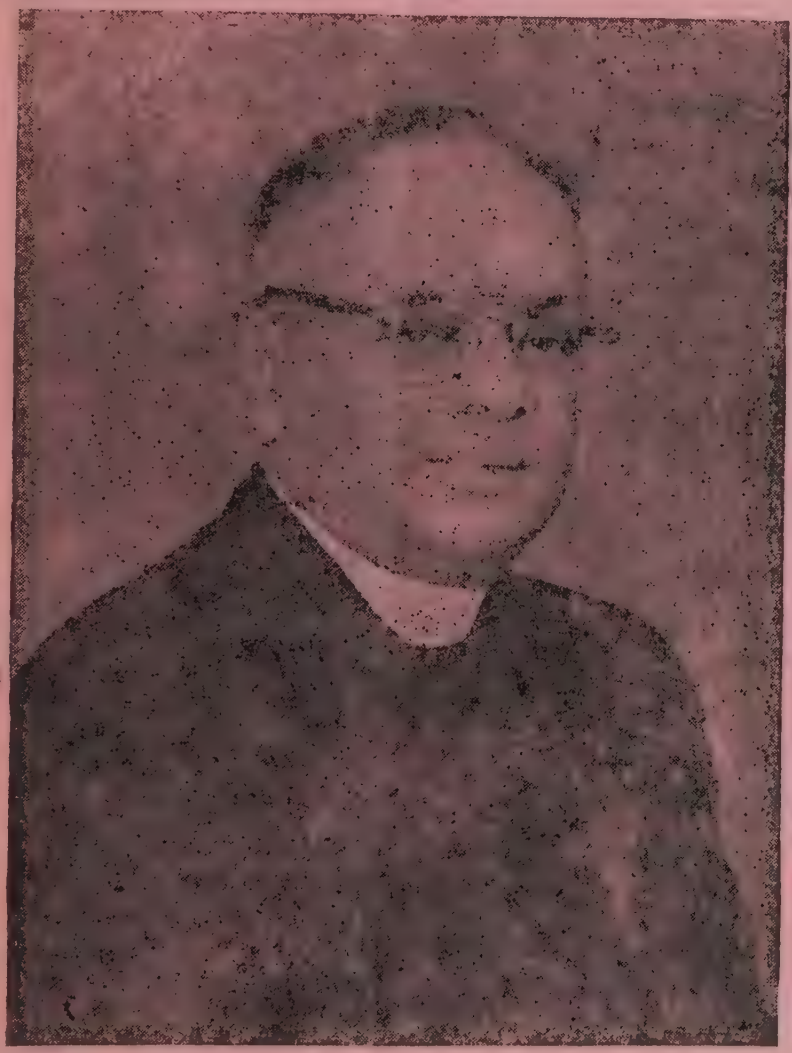

Our late President The Rt. Rev. Dr. R. B. Manikam

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PRAYER.

GRANT US, O GOD, a vision of our land, fair as she might be:

A land of justice, where none shall prey on others;
A land of plenty, where poverty shall cease to fester;
A land of brotherhood, where success shall be founded on service, and honour be given to worth alone;
A land of peace, where order shall not rest on force, but on the love of all for their land,
the great mother of the common life and welfare.

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OUR LATE PRESIDENT THE RT. REV. R. B. MANIKAM.

It was a shocking news to every one especially to the National Missionary Society to hear that our revered President the Rt. Rev. Rajah Bushanam Manikam suddenly passed away on 7th November 1969, at the age of 72. It is an irrepairable loss to the Christian Community as a whole and to the National Missionary Society of India, in particular.

Bishop Manickam was born in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu on 19th April 1897. His parents were Mr. J. Kambar Manikam and Mrs. Manikam. As his father was the headmaster of the T.E.L.C. High School at Pudukottai, Raja had his high school education in Pudukottai; and his collegiate education in the Madras Christian College and got his M.A. degree in 1923.

Raja B. Manikam after his collegiate education taught for some time in the Madras Christian College and then served as a Professor in the Noble College in Machilepatnam.

In 1924, he married the then Miss Rubi Jesudasan, one of the daughters of Rao Bahadur Daniel I. Jesudasan, then Asst. Post Master General of Madras He went to America for

higher studies. He joined the New York Lutheran Seminary and continued further in the Columbia Universiiy and got his Ph.D. creditably and also got his B.D. degree. In 1929, he taught in the Chicago Seminary. He returned to India and from 1929 to 1937, he served as a Professor and Deacon in the Guntur Christian College.

Bishop Manikam was called to serve as the Executive Secretary in the National Christian Council of India and in that capacity he had to be the adviser to 37 Christian Colleges in India. He was called to represent in the International M.ssionary Councils held in Madras, Whitby and Canada.

In 1951, Dr. Manikam was appointed East Asia Joint Secretary by the International Missionary Council and the World church council. In that capacity he had to serve in the World Church Council meetings and travelled widely to almost all parts of the world. He has written some books and edited others.

On October 22nd 1950, Dr. R.B. Manikam was ordained as priest of the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Chnrch at Nagpur by the Rt. Rev. Sandegren. In 1956 January 14th, he was consecrated as the 4th Bishop of Tranquebar. In that capacity for 11 years he served his church ably. In 1957, he consecrated Bishop C.G. Diehl as the 5th Bishop of Tranquebar and retired from his church service.

Bishop Manikam was called to serve the National Missionary Society of India as its President for 6 years. He ably guided the affairs of the society. Everybody appreciated the way he conducted business in the meetings. Indeed his death is a great loss to the Society.

The Bishop also after retirement served the Lutheran churches as the chief promoter of the Federation of the Evange lical Lutheran Churches till the end. He also served the re-established Bishop Heber College at Trichirapalli as its rector.

Bishop Manikam passed away in the early hours of 7th November 1969 in his house at Trichi and his body was brought to Madras and laid to rest in the T.E.L.C Adaikalanathar Church, Vepery, after a solemn service conducted by Bishop Dhiel with the assistance of priests from other Lutheran bodies. The Rt. Rev. Solomon Dorairaj, Bishop in Trichi preached about Bishop's life and his activities.

While we are thankful to God for the services rendered by Bishop Manikam to the church and the N.M S. we pray to God that He may grant comfort and consolation to Dr. Mrs. Manikam by His presencc and support.

THE N.M.S. EXECUTIVE MEETING AT DELHI FROM 14th—16th OCTOBER '69.

The annual Executive Meeting was held at Delhi at the invitation of Bishop A.J. Shaw, the first Vice-President and the Delhi branch of the N.M.S. The members were housed at the Guest House attached to the Christ Methodist Church. This year the maximum number of members, nearly 40 attended. The first two sessions were presided over by Bishop A. J. Shaw and the last one by Mr. S.M. Banerjea, another Vice President.

The detailed and interesting report by the General Secretary dealing with all matters was discussed and decisions taken.

At this meeting 2 evangelists Rev. Edwin Sherring and Mr. Silas Lal were appointed and posted to Babina and Butwal respectively. These appointments will help in the extension of work in these two places. The general impression is that all matters were dealt with expediously and in a business like manner. But it was felt that the members were reluctant to spend more time in meditation and think seriously and calmly and plan for extension of work in some of the fields, especially problems relating to individual workers. Suggestions could be invited and discussed for sympathetic action.

Secondly, members should boldy venture to take steps for the extension of the work not with a special eye on the budget. Why not start work in a new place and area and appeal for prayer and financial support to the churches instead of depending strictly on the budget? In missionary enterprise we need more faith and adventurous spirit to go forward trusting in God and God's people who are quite willing to support new causes, if they are contacted with the need.

So let us pray that God will give us His children engaged in His work to have a larger vision and greater faith to launch out into the deep according to His command. Then the results will be amazing just as the fishermen on the sea of Galilee experienced. We, as servants of Jesus Christ, should not only expect great things from God but attempt great things for Him as per our motto.

—*An Observer.*

HALT AT JHANSI.

On our way back from the Executive Meeting at Dolhi, though I was not well, we had to stop at Jhansi to fulfil a full day engagement on 19th October. We were pleased to note that here the church and the N.M S. branch work in close co-operation. I had to preach in the English Church in the early morn-

lng and then at the Holy Cross church and then in the city Church. We had good a attendance at the services and I am specially grateful to Rev. A.C.V. Russel for his kind co-operation extended to the N.M.S. branch and also to the Officers of the City Church for their kind support. President Mr. Ram and Mr. A.B. David, the silent worker had done their best.

We had a pleasant and successful time. Rev. Edwin Sherring who has been newly appointed and temporarily stationed at Babina will work under the direction of this branch. We have received the following contributions

Holy Cross Church	Rs.	50.54
City Church.		100.00
N.M.S. Sunday joint service Collection.		134.65
		285.19

Our thanks are due to Rev. A.C.V. Russel and Mr. A.B. David for the kind hospitality extended to us.

K G.S.D.

A Hundred Indian Witnesses To Jesus Christ

(By the Rev. P. J. Thomas, Krupa Nivas, Perumbavoor, Kerala)

62. Rev. Sumant Vishnu Karmarkar

This one also is from among the founders of the N.M.S. and he has the additional credit of having been the President of the gathering which brought into being the missionary organization, in the year 1905 in Serampore. Rev. C.E. Abraham in his book says that this Karmarkar was the son of the Brahman convert from Poona (V.B. Karmarkar) who was Pastor of the American Marathi Mission church for thirteen years in the city of Bombay. But Dr. Miss. E.G.K. Howat in the book "Christ and Westren India" mentions one S.V. Karmarkar as a brother of V.B.K. and that the former owes his conversion to the kirtan, singing on the *Love of God*. The Life and witness of V. B. K. has been dealt with in this series in March 1968. The difference in age between the two (one was born in 1834 and the other in 1861) makes it difficult to believe that they were brothers. Therefore we must conclude that either there were two S.V. Karmarkars or that the view that the present one was the son must be taken as the correct one.

The writer of "Founders of the N.M.S." gives the following details regarding the life of our hero: that he was born on the 20th. of April, 1861 and that from early years, he was marked out for Christian service, took the Batchelor's Degree in Theology from the Yale University in America, and he was ordained in the University Chapel in Yale. Karmarkar's wife Gurubai took her M.D. in America. They started life-work in Bassein and then moved on to Bombay city where they spent the rest of their lives. Dr. C.E. Abraham continues: "While Sumant Rao was single-minded in his devotion to the Lord and so bearing testimony to His love, his interests were very varied and so he gladly identified himself with almost every branch of Christian service in the city of Bombay. He was the Chairman of the Byculla branch of the Y.M.C.A. for many years, a vice-president of the Bombay auxiliary of the Bible Society, a member of the Marathi Bible Translation Committee, president of the Christian Endeavour Union, an enthusiastic member of the Bombay Tract and Book Society for which he edited the "Balashikshak." He wrote several poems, hymns and pamphlets on Christian themes, and was the joint honorary secretary of the Sunday School Union, and the first Indian President of the Bombay Missionary Conference. We come to the wide area of his Christian witnessing when we learn that he represented India as delegate at the World Student Christian Federation held in France in 1900 and in Tokyo in 1907.

Proclamation of the Gospel was the chief aim of his life. Besides, presiding over the Serampore gathering he was one of the four elected vice-presidents of the National Missionary Society of India. At his passing away in the year 1912 the Bombay Guardian referred to him as "the premier evangelist of the city of Bombay" The Missionary Journal Gnaneday said: "He was at his best in evangelistic work both for large companies and with individuals. Probably no educated Indian Christian in western India has done so much evangelistic work as Rev. Sumant Rao". The very last words our hero uttered along with his closing breath were addressed to his own children and were clearly indicative of the spirit that characterised him: "God bless you. Work in His vineyard".

Dr. R.E. Hume of Bombay has much to say of him. We will quote just a few sentences: "He yearned that India as a whole should come into the discipleship of Jesus Christ. He was a notable instance of what the Lord Jesus Christ can accomplish with a man who is thoroughly consecrated to Him. Everyone who was acquainted with him knew him as a whole-souled, enthusiastic and joyful follower of his Lord and as a loving helper of his fellow men. This faith inspired him with

remarkable zeal, power for Christian service especially in preaching the Gospel which he himself so heartily believed.

This all too brief account of this great Christian witness cannot be concluded better than with a testimony from the pen of such an out standing Christian world leader as Dr. John Mott: "I consider that he was one of the most Christ-like and helpful Indian Christian whom I have met".

NEWS FROM THE N.M.S. BRANCH NAINITAL.

We have been trying to revive the activities of the N M.S. locally since last year. Office bearers were elected and the only method through which our local branch could help was found to be raising funds for the Society. Accordingly, we are sending round a register to local Christians and have also been making personal requests in the matter.

In addition to this we have been observing the N.M.S. Prayer week with special Day of Prayer every year in response to the Call to Prayer Notice. Last year the Sunday was observed on 13th Oct. and the collection for the day amounting to Rs. 37.93 was earmarked for the N.M.S. and sent to the Society through the Treasurer of the local Methodist Church, who is also the Treasurer of the local branch of the N.M.S. This year too on 12th Oct. the N.M.S. Sunday was observed and the Service was conducted by the office bearers of the N.M.S. Branch. The collection for the day amounting to Rs 23.19 has already been sent to the parent society.

As a result of our efforts, we have been able to raise a little over Rs. 300/- through monthly collections from individual christians. We are arranging to sent Rs. 300/- to the Society's Head quarters and the money will soon be sent by our Treasurer Mr. E.J. Pant.

Sd/- R. GREENWOLD
Hon. Secretary

REPORT FROM BAGESWAR.

I continued my visits around the villages and distributed 300 tracts and sold Gospel portions in the local melas. My daughter has started a branch of the National Missionary School at Bajnath, Garur. I had the opportunity to visit the

area and met many non-christians about the purpose of starting the School. I also explained to them that the children would be given some moral teaching so that their character might be built. I request the new work be remembered in your prayers.

BUTWAL.

Our work is going on steadily. Besides our Nepali Service we have Malayalam service also. I am glad that there is a chance of Mr. Silas Lal joining us in our work. These days we are very busy with the Nepali Christian fellowship meetings to be held in Butwal between the 7th and 11th November. Mr. P. N. Kurien of the All India Fellowship will be the main speaker. Our Bible class is going on steadily every Saturday after-noon.

REPORT OF MY VISIT TO MUNNAR DURING THE N.M.S. PRAYER WEEK

OCTOBER 5th — 12th.

I thank God for giving me another opportunity to visit Munnar N.M.S. Branch during the N.M.S. Prayer Week. I am grateful to Rev. Basil, Mr. Sobanam and the Committee members for making all the arrangements for my visit to some of the estates and the churches in the Munnar area. I was able to visit almost all the Christian families in Munnar Town. They gave me a warm welcome and encouraged us with their gifts for the Lord's work of spreading the Gospel in the unreached places.

I had the privilege of preaching in the Malayalam Services of C.S.I. and Marthoma Churches in Munnar. I am grateful to the achens of C.S I. and Marthoma for giving me the privilege to present the N.M.S. work and its needs. During my stay I visited Bhokkanad Estate, Sivamalai Estate and Periavari Estate and presented the need in the services. On 12th, we had the N M.S. service in Munnar Church followed by the N.M.S. sale. The Christian friends from other estates also took part in the service and sale. I am grateful to the N.M.S. branch of Munnar for giving a new Tape for the in recorder in the Jawadi Hills.

On 25th of October I had the privilege of presenting the need of the tribal work in India in the Missionary Prayer Band Convention of South India Bible Institute. The theme for the convention was "Harvest plenteous, reapers few, night

draweth near''. Mrs, Sathiaraj presented the work of the N.M.S. and its needs. I am sure that the Lord will raise some students from the S.I.B.I. to work in the unreached areas.

I am grateful to Mr. J.D. Arulmony for providing some visual aids for the work of the N.M.S. among the tribal people in Jawadhi Hills.

Yours in His service,
D. ELIAS.

NEWS FROM RAJASTHAN.

Our hearts are full of praise to Him who is so faithful. My object is not only to witness for the Lord but to get N.M.S. converts to distribute tracts to the non-christians In November, the President of Gideon International Bible and others are coming to Bharatpur for distribution of bibles. My health is not so satisfactory. I am greatly helped by the local christians, specially a few christian ladies who help in the distribution of clothes to children.

REPORT FROM KALYANAMANTHAI

Last month we were able to conduct a Camp for the workers. We visited about 8 villages with God's message which was listened to with great interest by the hill tribes. A monthly meeting for the workers was also conducted. Regular services are being conducted. House visits are done. Kindly remember the small group here so that it may grow in faith.

REPORT FROM GUNDALATHUR

I was able to visit about 8 villages with God's message and talked to the pupils of the Athipet School and they are greatly interested in the message. Bro. Aruldas joined in my visit. Rev. D. Elias missionary also visited us. Please remember us in your prayers.

Evangelists.

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Holy Cross Church, Jhansi	50	54
	882	12
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